GAME ELEVEN
Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 // 3:30 pm ET/2:30 CT // ABC
Columbus, Ohio // Ohio Stadium (104,944)

ILLINOIS (2-7, 0-6)  #8/9 OHIO STATE (8-2, 6-1)

TELEVISION BROADCAST | ABC
»  Steve Levy (PBP), Brian Griese (analysis),
   Ra’Von Bonner, OL Larry Boyd, DB Dawson DeGroot, 
   TE Louis Dorsey, RB Mike Epstein, 
   DL Isaiah Gay, DB Nate Hobbs, LB James Knight, OL Vederian Low,
   OL Alex Palczewski, DL Bobby Roundtree, WR Ricky Smalling, 
   QB Cam Thomas, DB Bennett Williams and DL Jamal Woods.

RADIO BROADCAST | Fighting Illini Sports Network
»  Mike Epstein (PBP), Rahim Moore (sidelines) + Josh Hoffman (producer) & Mike Schwab (director)

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OPENING KICK
• Kicking Off: The Fighting Illini (2-8 overall, 0-7 B1G West) and #8/9 Ohio State (8-2 overall, 6-1 B1G East) will battle for Illibuck rivalry trophy Saturday in Columbus (3:30 pm ET/2:30 CT, ABC).
• Fresh Faces: Youth has been all over the field this season. In fact, the Illini are putting the youngest team in the nation on the field.
  » Illinois has started more true freshmen than any team in the nation (16): DB Tony Adams, RB Ra’Von Bonner, OL Larry Boyd, DB Dawson DeGroot, TE Louis Dorsey, RB Mike Epstein, DL Isaiah Gay, DB Nate Hobbs, LB James Knight, OL Vederian Lowe, OL Alex Palczewski, DL Bobby Roundtree, WR Ricky Smalling, QB Cam Thomas, DB Bennett Williams and DL Jamal Woods. Ball State is second with 12 true-freshmen starters. No other team in the Big Ten has four or more.
  » Illinois has 73 cumulative starts from true freshmen this season, more than doubling the previous program record. Most cumulative true freshman starts in a season: 73 (2017), 34 (1977), 33 (2006).
  » Illinois has played 22 true freshmen, the most in the nation. LSU is second with 20 and Texas A&M is third with 18. An additional 10 redshirt-freshmen have played this year, bringing the overall Illini freshmen played total to 32.
  » The 10 true freshmen starters at USF in week three are the most in a single game in program history. Prior to this season, the most true freshmen to start at Illinois in a season was nine in 1980.
  » 13 of Illinois’ 17 offensive touchdowns (76.5 percent) have been scored by true freshmen, including 11 of the last 13. Freshman touchdowns have been scored by Ra’Von Bonner (4), Mike Epstein (4), Louis Dorsey (3) and Ricky Smalling (2).
  » Illinois had 29 first-time starters in the first 10 games, the second-most in the nation. Ball State leads the nation with 31 first-time starters.
• Punching It Out: The Illini have forced 16 fumbles this season to lead the nation in forced fumbles per game (1.6). DL James Crawford leads the way with a Big Ten-best three forced fumbles, all coming during conference play.
• Smoothing Up Big: True-freshman WR Ricky Smalling is making big plays for the Illini.
  » Smalling’s 17.43 yards per catch ranks second in the Big Ten and second among all true freshmen in FBS.
  » Has at least one catch of 20+ yards in six straight games.
  » Became the sixth Illini true-freshman in program history to have a 100-yard receiving game with 5 catches for 111 yards against Rutgers on Oct. 14.
  » Leads the team with 488 receiving yards and two touchdowns on 28 catches.
• Dorsey Dealing: Freshman TE Louis Dorsey is another true freshman doing big things on the field.
  » Dorsey’s 107 receiving yards against Indiana on Nov. 10 were the most by a true freshman tight end in Illinois history, the seventh most by any tight end in Illinois history.
  » His 77-yard TD catch vs. the Hoosiers is the longest reception in Illinois history by a true freshman.
  » His 18.44 yards per catch would lead all FBS true freshmen, but his 1.8 receptions per game falls just short of the NCAA stats minimum (2.0).
• Big Play Freshmen: TE Louis Dorsey and WR Ricky Smalling have produced two of the longest receptions by true freshmen in program history.
  » 77 yards — Dorsey from Jeff George Jr. vs. Indiana, 11/11/17
  » 76 yards — Ricky Smalling from Jeff George Jr. at South Florida, 9/15/17
• NFL Experience: Lovie Smith’s Illini staff has 56 seasons of combined NFL head and assistant coach experience — the most in college football in 2017, ahead of UCLA (45), Michigan (40), Baylor (38) and Alabama (34).

BATTLE FOR THE ILLIBUCK
• Illinois and Ohio State play for the Illibuck trophy, one of Illinois’ three trophy games. (The Cannon vs. Purdue & Land of Lincoln Trophy vs. Northwestern)
• Ohio State leads Illibuck series 63-23-2. (OSU leads overall series 68-30-4)
• “Illibuck” is - or was - a turtle, destined for long life, it was hoped. But the wear and tear of traveling between Champaign-Urbana and Columbus was too much, even for a hardy marine reptile. “Illibuck” died in the spring of 1927 and his successor is now a wooden replica.
• Illinois last claimed the Illibuck with a 28-21 win at No. 1 Ohio State in 2007.
**MEDIA INFORMATION**

**MONDAY’S SELECTED PLAYERS**
Illini coordinators will be available on Monday at about 1:15 pm following head coach Lovie Smith’s press conference on the 8th floor of the Memorial Stadium Press Box. Players excepted to attend are DL James Crawford, WR Trenard Davis, OL Christian DiLauro and S Patrick Nelson.

**POST-PRACTICE INTERVIEWS**
The first 30 minutes of practice are open to media on Tuesday and Wednesday this week (4:30-5 each day). Interviews take place after practice at about 6:15 pm each day. Media are asked to wait in the player’s lounge on the north end of the stadium until notified by Athletics Communications staff that practice is over. (enter through alley between ARC and Memorial Stadium).

**PHONE INTERVIEWS**
The best time for player phone interviews is on Monday between 1:15 and 2 p.m. after Smith’s press conference or on Tuesday and Wednesday after practice (approx. 6:15 p.m.). Other arrangements can be made with advance notice. Requests for phone interviews must be made at least 24 hours in advance to Derek Neal (drneal@illinois.edu).

**PRESS CONFERENCES**
Video files (MP4) of Coach Smith’s weekly press conference will be available for download on Box.com by 3 p.m. CT each Monday. Email drneal@illinois.edu for the link.

**TELECONFERENCE ACCESS**
Contact the Athletics Communication Office (217-333-1391) for weekly teleconference access information. The teleconference is for listening only. Coach Smith will not participate in the press conference.

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**THE ILLINOIS-OHIO STATE SERIES**

- Saturday marks the 103rd meeting between the Fighting Illini and the Buckeyes, dating back to 1902.
- Ohio State holds a 68-30-4 lead in the all-time series and 29-18-4 in matchups played in Columbus.
- In the next four years (2018-2021), Illinois and Ohio State will meet just one more time, Nov. 21, 2020 at Illinois.
- Ohio State has won eight straight over the Fighting Illini dating back to 2007.
- In the last 30 years (1988-2017), only Michigan (12) has more wins against Ohio State than Illinois (9).
- Illinois’ last win over the Buckeyes in 2007 marked the first time the Illini beat a top-ranked team since 1956. The victory ended Ohio State’s 29-game regular-season winning streak and 21-game Big Ten win streak.
- The teams’ last meeting came in 2015, a 28-3 win for Ohio State in Champaign.
- Wes Lunt was 23-of-47 passing for 241 yards and Clayton Fejedelem had 15 tackles in the loss. Ezekiel Elliott ran 27 times for 181 yards and two touchdowns and J.T. Barrett completed 15 of 23 passes for 150 yards and a touchdown.
- Mike Dudek’s career-long 56-yard reception came against Ohio State 11/1/2014.
- Dave Wilson set Illinois single-game records for passing yards (621), completions (43), passing attempts (69) and passing touchdowns (6) against Ohio State 11/8/1980.
- Last 100-yard receiving game vs. Ohio State: Desmond Cain, 101, 11/14/2015.

**ILLINOIS-OHIO STATE CONNECTIONS**

- Illinois head coach Lovie Smith was the defensive backs coach at Ohio State in 1995.
- Lovie Smith and Urban Meyer have coached in the same game twice - 1990 Arizona State (Smith ASU LB coach) beat Colorado State (Meyer OSU WR coach) 31-20 and 1987 Wisconsin (Smith WIS LB coach) beat Ohio State (Meyer OSU WR grad assistant) 26-24.

**ILLINOIS VS. RANKED OPPONENTS**

- Illinois faces its third AP Top 25-ranked opponent of the season on Saturday. Ohio State is No. 8 in this week’s AP and Coaches polls. The Illini fell to No. 22 South Florida, 47-23, on the road back on Sept. 15 and to No. 5 Wisconsin at home, 24-10, on Oct. 28.
- Illinois is 9-30 against Ohio State teams that entered the game ranked in the AP top 25.
- Illinois has faced top-10 ranked Ohio State teams 28 times and have come away with three wins: 28-21 over No. 1 Ohio State in 2007, 31-28 over No. 5 Ohio State in 1985, and 17-13 over No. 6 Ohio State in 1983.
- The Illini have lost 18 straight and 27 of their last 28 against foes ranked in the AP poll since beating No. 1 Ohio State 28-21 on Nov. 10, 2007. The lone win during that span came on Sept. 17, 2011, over No. 22 Arizona State, 17-14.
- Illinois’ win over Minnesota in 2014 gave the Illini their first win over a ranked team in either the AP or Coaches poll since 2011. The Golden Gophers were No. 24 in the USA Today Coaches Poll, however, the Gophers were not ranked in the AP poll at the time of the game.
2017 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL // GAME NOTES

BY THE NUMBERS

16  Illinois true freshmen that have started in the first 10 games, the most in the nation by a wide margin (Ball State is second with 12).

73  Cumulative number of true freshman starts by the Illini this season, a program record. The old record was 34 in 1977.

99.7  Percent of snaps Illini offensive lineman Nick Allegretti has played this season. He has been off the field for just 2 offensive snaps.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON

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FRESHMAN PLAYMAKERS

In addition to providing the top two receptions by true freshmen in program history, TE Louis Dorsey and WR Ricky Smalling account for three of the top nine true-freshmen receiving GAMES in program history this season. Five of the top nine on the list are by players on this year's Illini squad (Mikey Dudek in 2014).

Top Illini True Freshman Receiving Games (since 1951)

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<td>Ricky Smalling</td>
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FRESHMEN STARTERS SINGLE-GAME NOTES

• Illinois is playing and starting freshmen like never before in program history.
  » 2017 Freshman Starters by Game: 3, 7, 10, 8, 8, 9, 8, 7, 6 (program record before this season: 5)

• Prior to this season, the high for most true freshmen started in a game at Illinois was five, which last happened Nov. 11, 2006. This Illini have started more true-freshmen than that in each of the last nine games.

• Illinois’ 16 true freshmen starters this season is not only the most of any team in the nation, but also is a program record. The previous high for a season was 9 in 1980.

• Illinois has started four true freshmen on the offensive line (three true freshmen, one redshirt freshman) in four games this season, the only four times in program history.

• There have been 19 more first-time starters since the opener (RB Bobby Roundtree, DE Tony Adams, DE Bobby Roundtree, DT Tymir Oliver, DT Sean Adesanya, LB Del'Shawn Phillips) as 17-year olds this season.

• Illinois had 10 first-time starters in the opener - six on defense (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams, DE Bobby Roundtree, DT Tymir Oliver, DT Sean Adesanya, LB Del'Shawn Phillips) and four on offense, including three offensive linemen (WR Dominic Thiemann, OL Doug Kramer, OL Zeke Martin, OL Adam Solomon)

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FRESHMEN LISTS

Cumulative true freshmen starts, season

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True freshmen played last 15 seasons

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FIRST TIMERS

• Illinois has used 29 first-time starters in 2017, the second-most in the nation behind Ball State (31). Last year’s Illini team led the nation with 28 first-time starters.

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* Illinois' 2017 opponents in bold.

**NEW KIDS ON THE QUAD**

- A total of 37 players, including 22 true freshmen and 10 redshirt freshmen, have made their Illini debuts during the first seven games of 2017.

**True-Freshmen (22):**

**Redshirt Freshmen (10):**
- DL Christion Abercrombie, RB Christian Bobak, OL Jake Cerny, DB Harvey Clayton Jr., DL Doug Kramer, QB Cam Miller, LS Sean Mills, TE Griffin Palmer, LB Ayo Shogbonyo, LS Ethtan Tabel
- DB Red Brown, OL Zekie Martin, LB Jimmy Marchese
- Juniors (2): DL Sean Adesanya, LB Del’shawn Phillips

**YOUTH GONE WILD**

- Out of 103 total players on the roster there are just 10 total seniors, tied for the third-least in FBS — Georgia Southern (8) and Wake Forest (9).
- Only 27 total upperclassmen are on the roster — 10 seniors (8 scholarship seniors) and 17 juniors
- In contrast, there are 76 underclassmen — 22 sophomores and 54 freshmen (35 true-freshmen & 19 RS freshmen)
- Out of 103 players on the 2017 roster, 43 are newcomers

**BLOCK PARTY**

Illinois has three blocked kicks (two field goals and one PAT) this season to rank 13th in FBS and second in the Big Ten. All three blocks came in the first three games of the season.

- In the 2017 opener against Ball State, DT Jamal Milan blocked the potential game-tying field goal as time expired to preserve a 20-17 victory.
- The Illini got a pair of blocks at USF, a blocked field goal by DE Isaiah Gay and a blocked PAT by DT Tito Odenigbo that was returned by Nate Hobbs for a defensive PAT.

**STANDOUT STATS**

A few interesting nuggets from the latest NCAA FBS stat rankings. For more follow @IlliniStats:

- The Illini have forced 16 fumbles in 10 games to lead FBS in forced fumbles per game (1.60).
- The defense has recovered nine of the 16 forced fumbles, which ranks second in the Big Ten and 19th in FBS.
- Three blocked kicks by the Illini ranks second in the Big Ten and 13th in FBS.
- The Illini have lost just five fumbles on the season, ranking fourth in the Big Ten and 36th in FBS.
- Freshman WR Ricky Smalling ranks second in the B1G & 34th in FBS in yards per catch (17.43).
## ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS (2017)

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## OFF THE FIELD NUGGETS

- **First-time Footballer:** Freshman punter Blake Hayes, a native of Melbourne, Australia, had never played in or attended a college football game until making his Illini debut against Ball State on Sept. 2. Hayes played Australian rules football before training at ProKick Australia for the last two years in hopes of getting a college scholarship in the United States.
- **Rugby Champ:** Illini RB Reggie Corbin was a national champion rugby player in addition to being a football star in high school. Corbin helped Gonzaga HS in Washington D.C. to back-to-back rugby national titles in 2014 and 2015 after joining the team on a dare by star player Ben Cima, who plays on the U.S. national rugby team. The team lost only games in Corbin’s two years on the team.
- **Facebook Find:** Facebook was a key part in the recruitment of freshman safety Bennett Williams, at least according to Illini defensive coordinator Hardy Nickerson. Nickerson was a teammate of Bennett’s father, Garey Williams, at Cal and the two are connected on Facebook. Nickerson says he would see highlights of Bennett on Garey’s Facebook page and become more impressed as he got older, eventually leading to his recruitment to Illinois.
- **Travel Buddies:** Illini QB Chayce Crouch and WR Mike Dudek spent part of their summer together in Europe taking a study abroad program for the College of Business. The pair, who also have been roommates for three years, spent most of May in Vienna, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Prague and Budapest while taking an International Negotiations class.

### SAINT NICK

Junior OL Nick Allegretti is having a big season on and off the field.

- Played 100 percent of offensive snaps in the first five games this season, before coming out for two plays against Rutgers due to injury. He played every snap the last four weeks and has played 653 of 655 snaps this season (99.7 percent).
- Voted an offensive captain by his teammates for five games so far in 2017.
- Has flipped back-and-forth between guard, his more natural position, and center both this season and throughout his career. This year he has started at guard and four at center. In 2016, he had one start at center and 11 starts at guard.
- Named to Rimington Award preseason watch list for the nation’s top center.
- Named to watch lists for the Wuerffel Trophy and AFCA Good Works Team, both of which honor a student-athlete’s dedication to volunteerism and community involvement, as well as football and academics.
- Is the team’s Uplifting Athletes chapter president, helping to raise over $39,000 for rare disease research and awareness at the annual Lift for Life event.
- Started all 12 games in 2016 and played 782 snaps, the most of any Illini offensive player last season.

### JAYLEN ISLAND

Senior CB Jaylen Dunlap was a lock-down corner in 2016 and is back on the field after missing all of training camp and the first two games of 2017 due to injury.

- Pulled in his first career interception last week against Indiana.
- Has 22 tackles, a team-high four PBUs, an interception and a forced fumble since returning from injury.
- Has 17 career PBUs, most on the team.
- Had 11 PBUs in 2016 (tied for 10th-most in a season in UI history).
- 10 PBUs during Big Ten play in 2016 (4th-most in the B1G).
- 9 PBUs in the last five games of 2016.
- 7 PBUs Oct. 29-Nov. 7, 2016, tied for the most in the nation during a two-game span in the regular season.
- 4 PBUs in 2016 win over Michigan State, tied for the fifth-most in a game in program history and the most by an Illini since 2002.

### TARGET TURNER

Senior WR Malik Turner has racked up 139 receptions, 1,767 yards and 10 touchdowns in his Illini career.

- Sat out the Indiana game (11/11) due to injury.
- Has caught at least one pass in 29 straight games played, tied for the 16th longest active streak in the nation and second longest in the Big Ten (D.J. Moore, MD – 31). Turner has caught a pass in 36 of his last 37 games played.
- Led all Illini receivers in 2016 with 48 catches for 712 yards (14.8 ypc) and six TDs to earn honorable mention All-Big Ten accolades.
- Ranks ninth on the UI career receiving yardage list (1,767) and 10th on the career receptions list (139).
- Career totals of 10 touchdowns and four 100-yard games are both just outside the Illini career top-10 list.
- Named to the Pro Football Focus preseason All-Big Ten first team.
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**FOSTER FAST**

Senior RB Kendrick Foster has been back to his 2016 form over the last three weeks.

- With 83 rushing yards against Indiana on Nov. 11, Foster became 43rd player in Illinois history to surpass 1,000 career rushing yards. He currently ranks 40th on UI all-time list with 1,051.
- Has rushed for 222 yards over the last three games (74.0 ypg) after totaling just 31 yards over the first seven games this season.
- Led the Illini with 119 all-purpose yards, including a team- and season-high 73 yards rushing at Purdue.
- Led team with 1,328 all-purpose yards, 720 rushing yards, seven rushing TDs and nine total TDs in 2016.
- Averaged 5.7 yards per carry in 2016, second-best in the Big Ten and 42nd in FBS (min. 10 rush/gm)
- One of only four players in the nation with at least 700 rushing yards and 500 kick return yards in 2016.
- Accounted for three touchdown runs of 50+ yards in 2016.

### DUDEK, WHERE’S MY CAR?

Junior WR Mike Dudek returned to action in the season opener against Ball State for the first time since Dec. 26, 2014, a span of 981 days.

- Missed the Minnesota, Purdue and Indiana games (played in Wisconsin game in between) with two separate injuries.
- Ranks third on the team in catches (24) and fourth in receiving yards (262) despite missing three full game and halves of two other games. Dudek also is averaging a team-high 10.8 yards per punt return.
- Caught a 16-yard TD pass in the win over Ball State, who he racked up 102 all-purpose yards against. His 52-yard in 981 days when he played in the season-opener against Ball State. His first catch in over two years was
- Has at least two catches in all 20 career games he has played, tied for the fifth-longest active streak in FBS.
- After producing the most prolific season for a freshman receiver in school history in 2014, Dudek suffered season-ending knee injuries during spring ball in both 2015 and 2016.
- During his freshman season in 2014, Dudek hauled in 76 receptions for 1,038 yards to shatter Arrelious Benn’s previous freshman marks of 54 catches and 676 yards in 2007.
- Dudek was a 2014 first-team Freshman All-American by ESPN.com, Scout and 247sports after leading FBS freshmen in receiving yards (79.8 ypg), ranking 33rd overall and third in the Big Ten. He led the Big Ten in receptions (50) and receiving yards (716) during conference games and ranked fifth in FBS with 354 fourth-quarter receiving yards and tied for third nationally with 10 plays of 15+ yards in the fourth quarter.
- Dudek became the eighth player in school history to record a 1,000 yard season as a receiver, ranking seventh on the UI single season list with 1,038 yards.

### PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

Illinois has had three players return to action this season after missing at least two straight seasons due to injury.

**Mike Dudek**

- After producing the most prolific season for a freshman receiver in school history in 2014, Dudek suffered season-ending knee injuries during spring ball in both 2015 and 2016, missing both seasons. He returned to action in the season-opener against Ball State, 981 days since his last game action. He has missed three of the last four games due to an unrelated injuries.

**Sean Adesanya**

- Third-year DE finally made his Illini debut in the 2017 season-opener after two years battling injuries. The 2015 junior college transfer missed all of 2015 and 2016 due to injuries before starting against Ball State. He has 8 tackles and 1.0 sack on the season. He has missed the last five games due to an unrelated injury.

**Dre Brown**

- One of the top signees in the 2015 recruiting class, Brown was poised for playing turn as a true freshman before going down with an ACL injury prior to the season. In all, he endured 2 torn ACLs, 2 sprained MCLs, a stress fracture and 4 knee surgeries before making his Illini debut Oct. 7 at Iowa as part of the kick return unit. He got his first offensive snaps and carries Oct. 14, rushing for 11 yards on four carries against Rutgers.

### MIKE & MIKE

A pair of Mikes, Dudek and Epstein, led the Illini offense early in the season before injuries derailed their impact.

**Illini WR Mike Dudek**

- Who missed all of 2015 and 2016 due to injury, returned to action for the first time in 981 days when he played in the season-opener against Ball State. His first catch in over two years was a 16-yard TD pass in the win over Ball State, who he racked up 102 all-purpose yards against. His 52-yard punt return late in the game set up the Illini’s game-winning score in the final minutes. He has missed three full games (at MIN, vs. PUR, vs. IND) and two partial games (vs. RUT & WIS) with injuries as of late.

**Freshman RB Mike Epstein**

- Will miss the rest of the season with a lower body injury suffered in the fifth game of the season at Iowa. At the time of his injury (through five games), Epstein was tied for seventh in
2017 GAME CAPTAINS
The team votes on different team captains for each game week throughout the season.

BALL STATE — OL Nick Allegretti, QB Chayce Crouch, ST Nathan Echard, RB Kendrick Foster, DL Tymir Oliver, LB Tré Watson
WESTERN KENTUCKY — OFF Nick Allegretti, DEF Tre Watson, ST Mike Dudek
SOUTH FLORIDA — OFF Nick Allegretti, DEF Tre Watson, ST Chase McLaughlin
NEBRASKA — OFF Nick Allegretti, DEF Tre Watson, ST Chase McLaughlin
IOWA — DEF James Crawford, OFF Mike Dudek, ST Cameron Watkins
RUTGERS — DEF Kenyon Jackson, OFF Nick Allegretti, ST Chase McLaughlin
MINNESOTA — OFF Ra'Von Bonner, DEF James Crawford, OFF Nick Allegretti, ST Chase McLaughlin
WISCONSIN — OFF Malik Turner, DEF James Crawford, ST Chase McLaughlin
PURDUE — OFF Kendrick Foster, DEF Jamal Milan, ST Ayo Shogbonyo
INDIANA — OFF Kendrick Foster, DEF Jamal Milan, ST Chayce McLaughlin
OHIO STATE —
NORTHWESTERN —

2017 ILLINOIS HONORS
OL Nick Allegretti
• Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (comm. service)
• Rimington Award Preseason watch list (C)
• AFCA Good Works Team preseason watch list (off-the-field)

OL Christian DiLauro
• Senior Bowl Preseason watch list

QB Jaylen Dunlap
• Senior Bowl Preseason watch list

RB Kendrick Foster
• Doak Walker Award preseason watch list (RB)

P Blake Hayes
• Ray Guy Award watch list (P)

WR Malik Turner
• Pro Football Focus Preseason All-Big Ten First Team
• Senior Bowl Preseason watch list
• Campbell Trophy watch list (top student-athlete)

OFFENSIVE NOTES
• Dorsey Making History: Freshman TE Louis Dorsey’s 77-yard TD reception from Jeff George Jr. vs. Indiana was…
  » the longest reception in Illinois history by a true freshman.
  » tied for the ninth-longest passing play in Illinois history.
  » the second longest in Illinois history by a tight end (83 yards, Boso vs. USC, 1985).
  » tied for the longest in Illinois history in 72 meetings vs. Indiana (2011 Scheelhaase to Jenkins, 77 yards).
  » the sixth longest by an Illinois player in Memorial Stadium history.
  » the longest passing play of the season for Illinois.

• Caleb’s First TD: Sophomore WR Caleb Reams scored his first career touchdown on a 14-yard reception against Indiana on Nov. 11. Reams, who has spent most of his career at tight end, had in his first two receptions of the season last week lining up as a wide receiver.

• Cam in Select Company: At Purdue on Nov. 4, quarterback Cam Thomas became the fourth Illinois true freshman to start a game at QB in program history, joining Aaron Bailey (2013, 1G), Isaiah “Juice” Williams (2006, 9G) and Kurt Kittner (1998, 5G). In three games this season, Thomas has thrown for 236 yards and rushed for 187 yards. He missed the Indiana game due to injury.

• Next in Line: While Illini freshmen are playing all over the field, the offensive line is especially youth-oriented. An OL group including three true-freshmen has started the last five of the last six games (Larry Boyd, Vederian Lowe & Alex Palczewski), and a fourth freshman, redshirt frosh Doug Kramer.

• Versatile DiLaura: Senior OL Christian DiLaura returned to the starting lineup two weeks ago at Purdue, but in a different role. DiLaura has a team-high 35 career starts, but the PU game marked his first at the guard position. His previous 34 all came at tackle. DiLaura played both guard and tackle at Purdue, and also has seen action as a blocking tight end this season. He was back starting at tackle last week against Indiana.

• Dynamic WR Duo: The WR duo of senior Malik Turner and junior Mike Dudek has been models of consistency when on the field. Each has caught a pass in at least 20 straight games, something only one other pair of teammates can boast (Memphis’ Phil Mayhue and Anthony Miller). Turner has a catch in 29 straight games played, the 16th-longest streak in the nation, while Dudek has at least two catches in all 20 games he’s played in during his Illini career.

• Like Father, Like Son: Sophomore QB Jeff George Jr. has completed 94 passes for 1,273 yards and seven touchdowns in seven games this season, all team-highs. He got his first start of the season at Iowa on Oct. 7, completing 22-of-45 passes for 245 yards, all career highs. He then topped that with 308 yards passing Oct. 14 against Rutgers. George is the son of former Illini QB and No. 1 overall NFL Draft pick Jeff George. He has seven career starts.

• No Small Feat: Freshman RB Ricky Smalling’s 76-yard reception from Jeff George Jr. at USF in week three was the longest in program history by a true freshman and was the longest Illini reception since 2011 (until Louis Dorsey’s 77-yard reception on Nov. 10 of this year). Smalling hauled in five catches for 111 yards against Rutgers on Oct. 14 against Rutgers. George is the son of former Illini QB and No. 1 overall NFL Draft pick Jeff George. He has seven career starts.

• Bonneranz: Freshman RB Ra’Von Bonner became the Illini’s feature back in game six after Mike Epstein was lost for the season due to injury. Bonner has four rushing touchdowns to lead the team and ranks third on the squad with 202 rushing yards. He had 37 carries in his first two games as the feature back before missing the last three games due to injury.

• Crouching Tight End, Hidden Drag Routes: Junior QB Chayce Crouch, who started the first four games at quarterback before being replaced by George for the Iowa game, still has found a way to contribute. Getting time at tight end, the 6-4, 230-pound Crouch hauled in his first career reception for seven yards at Iowa. As a QB, Crouch was 3-2 as starter with wins over Rutgers (2016), Ball State (2017) and Western Kentucky (2017).

• Reggie, Reggie, Reggie: Sophomore RB Reggie Corbin, a former HS rugby star, was back to his 2016 form against Iowa, rushing seven times for 61 yards (8.7 ypc), including a long of 30. He missed the first three games due to injury after averaging 6.1 yards per carry in 2016 (523 yards on 86 carries), which ranked sixth among FBS freshmen with at least 80 carries.

• Getting Lined Up: The Illini used four different starting offensive lines in five games, including a completely different line from game one to game two when each OL spot had a different starter. However, as of late, the Illini seem to have settled on consistent group of six as senior Christian DiLaura, redshirt freshman Doug Kramer and a trio of true freshmen – Larry Boyd, Vederian Lowe and Alex Palczewski – have gotten nearly all of the reps on the offensive line in Big Ten play between them.
FUTURE ILLINOIS SCHEDULES

2018 // Final
Sept. 1 Kent State
Sept. 8 Western Illinois
Sept. 15 South Florida (Chicago)
Sept. 21 Penn State
Sept. 29 OPEN
Oct. 6 @ Rutgers
Oct. 13 Purdue
Oct. 20 @ Wisconsin
Oct. 27 @ Maryland
Nov. 3 Minnesota
Nov. 10 @ Nebraska
Nov. 17 Iowa
Nov. 24 at Northwestern
Dec. 1 B1G Championship
Dec. 7 B1G Championship

2019 // Final
Aug. 31 Akron
Sept. 7 @ UConn
Sept. 14 Eastern Michigan
Sept. 21 Nebraska
Sept. 28 OPEN
Sept. 30 Rutgers
Oct. 5 @ Minnesota
Oct. 12 Michigan
Oct. 19 Wisconsin
Oct. 26 @ Purdue
Nov. 2 Rutgers
Nov. 9 @ Michigan State
Nov. 16 OPEN
Nov. 23 @ Iowa
Nov. 30 Northwestern
Dec. 7 B1G Championship

2020 // Final
Sept. 5 Florida Atlantic
Sept. 12 UConn
Sept. 19 Bowling Green
Sept. 26 OPEN
Oct. 3 @ Rutgers
Oct. 10 at Nebraska
Oct. 17 Purdue

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DEFENSIVE NOTES

- **No Passing Zone**: Illini opponents have had difficulty moving the ball through the air, especially as of late.
  - During conference play, the Illini are allowing 185.0 passing yards per game, which ranks fourth in the B1G.
  - Illinois held Minnesota to 5-of-15 passing for 47 yards and intercepted two Gopher passes when the two teams met on Oct. 21. It was Minnesota's lowest passing yards total in a game this season.
  - **Badgers Trapped**: Illini DC Hardy Nickerson's Illini defense was solid against fifth-ranked Wisconsin on Oct. 28.
  - Illinois held Wisconsin to 303 total yards, its fewest total yards this season. Wisconsin was averaging 462.7 yards per game entering the game.
  - Wisconsin had 188 rushing yards in the matchup, its second-fewest rushing yards this season (109 vs. Northwestern). Wisconsin was averaging 256.9 yards rushing coming into the game.
  - Illinois held Wisconsin to 24 points, its second-fewest points this season (17 vs. Purdue).
  - **Not in the Woods**: Freshman DE Jamal Woods had a career-high 2.5 TFLs against Indiana on Nov. 11. He had just one TFL prior to that game.
  - **He's Not Green**: Sophomore safety Stanley Green has a knack for jarring the ball loose. He has two forced fumbles this season and five over the last two seasons to lead the team. Against Minnesota on Oct. 21, he had 13 tackles and pulled down his first career interception. Green ranks second on the team with 62 tackles this season and ranks seventh in the B1G in tackles per game during Big Ten play (8.7) and is tied for third with two FF in conference play.
  - **Crawford Coming On**: Senior DL James Crawford has been stuffing the stat sheet since returning to action in week four against Nebraska. Crawford, who missed the season's first three games, is tied for the B1G lead with three forced fumbles and in each of the last four games during conference play. In seven games they have 23 tackles, a team-high 5.5 TFLs, a team-high 4.0 sacks, 3 QB hurries and 4 PBUs, 3 FF and 2 fumble recoveries.
  - **Phillips All Over the Field**: Junior LB De'Shawn Phillips, a junior college transfer in his first season at Illinois, ranks ninth in the Big Ten in tackles per game (8.0). He had a Big Ten-best 16 tackles in the week one win over Ball State. In the week two win over WKU, Phillips put pressure up the middle to force the throw on Julian Jones' interception and tie the game lead with six tackles. Against fifth-Wisconsin, he had a team-high 14 tackles, including a career-high 2.0 TFLs.
  - **Elementary, Watson**: Junior LB Tré Watson has put up big numbers at linebacker the past two seasons. He returned from injury last week against Indiana (missed three games) and now has 46 tackles in seven games played this season. In 2016, Watson ranked fifth in the Big Ten with 102 stops. He was second in the B1G in tackles during conference play last season (10.3 tpg). He was voted a team captain for four games this season before being sidelined with an injury mid-season.
  - **Playing like a Vet**: Freshman safety Bennett Williams has had a career and game-high 14 tackles against Minnesota and also forced his first career fumble with a big hit in the first quarter. He snared his first career interception returned for a touchdown since Darius Mosely at Rutgers 10/15/2016 and his first career interception. Williams has 39 tackles, most among Illini defensive linemen.
  - **Nelson Making Noise**: Sophomore DB Patrick Nelson is third in the Big Ten with two forced fumbles in eight games played. Despite missing two games due to injury, Nelson is tied for third on the team with 52 tackles. Nelson burst onto the scene in Big Ten play last season. His 48 tackles in the month of October were the most by any FBS freshman and his 7.7 tackles per game in conference play ranked 16th in the Big Ten last season.
  - **Big Play Jay**: Junior LB Julian Jones returned an interception for a touchdown in the win over WKU. It was Illinois' first interception returned for a touchdown since Darius Mosely at Rutgers 10/15/2016 and his first career interception. Illinois' defense scored as many points as WKU's offense in the game.
  - **Walk-on at Work**: Sophomore walk-on LB Jimmy Marchese got his first career start Oct. 14 against Rutgers, becoming Illinois' first non-scholarship starter since Clayton Fejedelem in 2014. Marchese had a career-high nine tackles in the Rutgers game and has 15 stops on the season.

THE SPECIAL TEAMS

- **Punter from Down Under**: True-freshman DE Bobby Roundtree was a force early in his UI career. He had 3.0 sacks through his first three college games and his 0.30 sacks/game are among the national leaders for true freshmen. He had 2.0 sacks and a forced fumble in the week two win over WKU. For the season he has 39 tackles, most among Illini defensive linemen.
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2017 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL // GAME NOTES
### 2017 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL BIG PLAYS

(Rush/Pass/Rec/PR over 20 yds & KOR/Def over 40 yds)

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### BALL STATE (3)
- 2Q 31: Dudek reception (from Crouch)
- 4Q 20: Dorsey reception (from Crouch)

### WESTERN KENTUCKY (1)
- 2Q 20: Dorsey reception (from Crouch)

### SOUTH FLORIDA (6)
- 2Q 23: Dorsey reception (from Crouch)
- 4Q 45: Epstein rush*
- 4Q 76: Smalling reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 32: Dorsey reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 27: Dudek reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 21: Epstein reception (from George, Jr.)*

### NEBRASKA (0)
- None

### IOWA (6)
- 1Q 40: Dorsey reception (from George, Jr.)
- 1Q 30: Corbin rush
- 2Q 58: Epstein rush
- 3Q 31: Dorsey reception (from George, Jr.)
- 3Q 27: Turner reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 26: Smalling reception (from George, Jr.)

### Rutgers (5)
- 2Q 32: Smalling reception (from George, Jr.)
- 3Q 31: Smalling reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 50: Davis reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 30: Thieman reception (from George, Jr.)
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### Minnesota (4)
- 1Q 25: Thieman reception (from Thomas)
- 3Q 22: Smalling reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 27: Davis reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 21: Thomas rush

### Wisconsin (5)
- 1Q 29: Turner reception (from Thomas)
- 2Q 20: Dudek reception (from George, Jr.)
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- 4Q 27: Thomas rush
- 4Q 26: Smalling reception (from George, Jr.)

### Purdue (5)
- 2Q 42: Smalling reception (from Thomas)
- 3Q 26: Thomas rush
- 3Q 33: Foster rush
- 4Q 22: Turner reception (from Thomas)
- 4Q 40: Foster reception (from Thomas)

### Indiana (4)
- 2Q 31: Davis reception (from George, Jr.)*
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- 4Q 25: Smalling reception (from George, Jr.)*

### Fighting Illini Facts
- **Tough Road:** Only five college football teams will play against more 2016 bowl teams this year. Illinois’ nine bowl opponents are tied for sixth in the nation behind Notre Dame (11), Syracuse (11), Duke (10), Ole Miss (10) and South Carolina (10). Two of Illinois’ three non-conference opponents won 11 games in 2016 — Western Kentucky (11-3) and USF (11-2).
- **Boys of Summer:** The Illini are 25-5 in Aug./Sept. home games dating back to the start of 2007, including a 2-1 mark this season.
- **Home Sweet Home:** Illinois has 20 consecutive home-opening wins, the fourth-longest active streak in the nation behind Florida (27), Oklahoma State (22) and Wisconsin (22). Florida’s 2017 home opener is Sept. 9 vs. Northern Colorado. Illinois is 90-33-5 all-time in home-openers.
- **Starting Off Right:** The Illini have an all-time record of 81-42-5 in season openers and are 58-27-4 when opening the season at home. The Illini have won their last 12 season openers at Memorial Stadium dating back to 1997.
- **In fact, the Illini have won...**
  - 7 straight season openers (last loss 2010 vs. Missouri in St. Louis)
  - 12 straight season openers at Memorial Stadium (last loss 1997 vs. Southern Mississippi)
  - 20 straight home-openers (last loss 1997 vs. Southern Mississippi)
- **Hard Knox:** Assistant Director of Athletics and Director of Football Operations Tim Knox was named 2016 Operations Director of the Year by Football Scoop. Prior winners select the award each year. His broad range of responsibilities includes the overall management of the football budget, team travel, and bowl game coordination.

### Walk-ons Earning Their $$$
- Redshirt junior walk-on kicker Chase McLaughlin was surprised with a scholarship during 2017 spring ball. McLaughlin, a Cypress, Texas, native, hit 12-of-17 field goals and 26-of-26 extra points in 2016 and has been rock-solid this season hitting 8-of-9 field goals and 5-of-5 PATs.
- Two players on the current roster have gone from walk-on to scholarship — RB Nathan Echard and McLaughlin.

### Out for the Season
- Several season-ending injuries have been announced by head coach Lovie Smith.
  - LB Jake Hansen (injured preseason)
  - TE Nathan Echard (injured in game 2)
  - RB Mike Epstein (injured in game 5)
  - DB Tony Adams (injured in game 5)
  - LB Julian Jones (injured after game 7)

### All Over the NFL
- A total of 18 former Fighting Illini have been on 2017 NFL active rosters — OT Jeff Allen (Texans), WR Geronimo Allison (Packers), WR Arrelious Benn (Jaguars), DT Chunky Clements (Vikings), CB Vontae Davis (Colts), CB Clayton Fejedelem (Bengals), CB Josh Ferguson (Colts), CB Justin Hardee, TE Michael Hoomanawanui (Saints), OL Ted Karras (Patriots), TE Matt LaCosse (Giants), DE Corey Liuget (Chargers), LB Whitney Mercilus (Texans), LB Hardy Nickerson (Bengals), DE Dawuane Smoot (Jaguars), DT Akiem Spence (Lions), DE Jihad Ward (Raiders) and DB Tavon Wilson (Lions).
- Two more Illini are on NFL practice squads — DE Carroll Phillips (Jaguars) and OLB Gimel President (Texans).
- DE Dawuane Smoot was selected in the third round of the 2017 NFL Draft (68th overall), becoming the sixth Illinois defensive lineman drafted since 2011 (Corey Liuget 2011, Whitney Mercilus 2012, Akiem Spence 2013,
ILLINI COACHING STAFF LOCATIONS

On the field:
- Garrick McGee: Offensive Coordinator/QB
- Hardy Nickerson: Defensive Coordinator/LB
- Bob Ligashesky: Special Teams Coordinator/TE
- Mike Phair: Run Game Coordinator/OL
- Donnie Abraham: Defensive Backs/SAF
- Andrew Hayes-Stoker: Wide Receivers

In the booth:
- Thad Ward: Running Backs
- Paul Williams: Defensive Backs/CB

UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Location: Urbana-Champaign
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 44,880
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference (Division): Big Ten (West)
President: Timothy L. Killeen
Chancellor: Robert J. Jones
Director of Athletics: Josh Whitman
Stadium: Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf – 60,670)

FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

2016 Record: 3-9, 2-7 (6th Big Ten West Division)
Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: 2016 Starters Returning/Lost: 10/14
Off: 5/6 Def: 4/7 ST (PK/P): 1/1
2016 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 32/24
Off: 12/12 Def: 19/10 ST (PK/P): 1/2
All-Time Record (Years): 602-583-51 (128th)
All-Time Big Ten Record (Years): 341-424-32 (122nd)
Memorial Stadium Record (Years): 270-235-14 (95th)
Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001)
National Championships (Last): 5 (1951)
Bowl Appearances (Last): 18 (2014 Heart of Dallas)
All-Time Bowl Record: 8-10 (.444)

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1402 South First St, NE Tower, Champaign, IL 61820

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Michael Buchanan 2013, Jihad Ward 2016).

- Illinois has had at least one player drafted in 42 of the last 45 years and has 241 all-time NFL Draft picks.

LINEBACKER U, IT’S NOT WHERE YOU THINK IT IS

- Illinois’ history at the linebacker position is up there with any program in the nation. It begins with the greatest linebacker in football history, Dick Butkus, who was a two-time All-American and led the Fighting Illini to a 1964 Rose Bowl win over Washington. Illinois boasts two Butkus Award winners, Dana Howard in 1994 and Kevin Hardy in 1995, several first-team All-Americans like Darrick Brownlow (1990), Simeon Rice (1994 & ’95) and J Leman (2007), not to mention second-team All-American Scott Studwell (1976) and NFL legend Ray Nitschke.

- This season, a linebacker is leading the Illini defense as De’Shawn Phillips ranks ninth in the Big Ten in tackles per game (8.0) while adding 4.0 TFLs, a sack and two pass breakups on the season.

LOVIE’S ILLINI

- Long-time NFL head coach Lovie Smith is in his second season on the sidelines at Illinois.
- Smith is the 25th head coach at Illinois and is the first African-American head football coach in program history.
- Smith was hired as Fighting Illini head coach on March 7, 2016, by Director of Athletics Josh Whitman, who was on his third day on the job as Illinois AD.
- After spending 19 years in the NFL, including 11 as a head coach, 2016 was the first year for Lovie at college since 1996.
- Smith led the Chicago Bears for nine seasons from 2004-12 and was 81-63 (.563), including three division titles, two NFC Championship Game appearances (2006 and 2010) and a berth in Super Bowl XL.
- The AP Coach of the Year in 2005, Smith’s 81 wins with Chicago are the third-most in Bears history.
- Prior to coming to Illinois, Smith spent the previous two seasons as head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where the Bucs improved from two victories in 2014 to six wins in 2015.

NO. 1 IN NFL EXPERIENCE...AGAIN

Lovie Smith’s Fighting Illini coaching staff is loaded with experience from the NFL level, boasting 56 years of coaching in the NFL – the most of any college staff in the country for the second straight season.

Illini NFL Experience by the Numbers:
- 99 Years NCAA Coaching Experience
- 56 Years NFL Coaching Experience
- 14 Years NFL Playing Experience
- 3 Super Bowl Appearances
- 1 Super Bowl Title
- 1 NFL Coach of the Year
- 1 NCAA Championship

Of the 10 full time coaches (including Lovie), seven have NFL experience.
- Lovie Smith – 19 seasons (11 head coach, 8 assistant/coordinator)
- Bob Ligashesky – 12 seasons (assistant coach/coordinator)
- Luke Butkus – 8 seasons (assistant coach)
- Mike Phair – 7 seasons (assistant coach)
- Andrew Hayes-Stoker – 5 seasons (assistant coach)
- Hardy Nickerson – 3 seasons (assistant coach)
- Garrick McGee – 2 seasons (assistant coach)

WEEKLY COACHES RADIO SHOW

The Lovie Smith radio show airs live from Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy every Monday evening of a game week from 7-8 p.m. on the Illini Sports Network. Hosted by Fighting Illini football play-by-play voice Brian Barnhart, the live show allows University of Illinois students and the Champaign-Urbana community the opportunity to meet coaches and ask questions about the Illinois football program.
**Grads on Grads**
The 2017 Fighting Illini roster features six student-athletes that have already earned a bachelor’s degree and are working toward a second bachelor’s degree or a master’s degree this fall.

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**Hall of Famers**
Members of the inaugural 2017 Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame, including legendary linebacker Dick Butkus, were officially inducted on the weekend of 29-30. Butkus is the only surviving football inductee of seven. The list includes Mike Eddleman (1943-41), Red Grange (1923-25), George Halas (1916-18), George Huff (1901-1936), Buddy Young (1944 & ’46) and Robert Zuppke (1913-41).

**Performance Center on the Horizon**
Dramatic upgrades are coming soon to the Fighting Illini football facilities. Plans announced in July 2017 call for a brand-new 107,000 square foot, $79.2 million Illinois Football Performance Center to be constructed next to the Irwin Indoor Practice Facility, and adjacent to Memorial Stadium. Construction is scheduled to break ground in early 2018, with the project scheduled for completion prior to the start of the 2019 season. More information on the project can be found at http://illinoisrennaissance.com.

**Whitman in Charge**
- Former Fighting Illini tight end Josh Whitman was announced as Director of Athletics at Illinois in February, 2016. His first order of business? Hiring Lovie Smith as head coach two days after officially starting the job.
- Whitman was named the university’s 14th permanent director of athletics on Feb. 17 and officially started on March 5. On March 7, he made headlines by hiring coaching icon Lovie Smith to lead the football program.
- Since those whirlwind first few days, Whitman has formulated an aggressive agenda, including launching the University’s Athletics Hall of Fame and planning for a new $79.2 million football performance center. He has hired six new head coaches, starting with Lovie Smith.
- At the time of his hiring, Whitman was 37 years old, making him the youngest athletics director in the Autonomy 5
- Prior to coming back to Illinois, Whitman served as director of athletic as Washington University in St. Louis and UW-LaCrosse and also practiced law in Washington, D.C.
- Whitman has two Illinois degrees. He graduated with Bronze Tablet honors in 2001 while earning a bachelor’s degree in finance. In 2008, he graduated summa cum laude from the Illinois College of Law. He worked in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Illinois while earning his law degree.
- A native of West Lafayette, Indiana, Whitman was a four-year starting tight end and two-time First Team Academic All-American on the gridiron for Illinois. He then spent parts of four seasons as a player in the NFL, including stints with the Chargers, Dolphins, Seahawks and Bills.

**Uplifting Athletes Raises Record Money**
- Fighting Illini players raised over $39,000 for rare disease research and awareness, a new event record, with their sixth annual Lift for Life fundraiser through Uplifting Athletes on June 23, 2017. The Illini are inspired by former Illini OL Andrew Carter, whose playing career was cut short by Acoustic neuroma – a rare, slow-growing tumor of the nerve that connects the ear to the brain. Junior OL Nick Allegritti serves as president of the UI chapter of Uplifting Athletes and helped organize the event, which featured the entire Fighting Illini team participating in a strongman competition at Memorial Stadium. In six years, the Illini have raised nearly $100,000 to help fight rare diseases. Find more on Andrew Carter’s story here: http://bit.ly/CarterFeature.

**Grange Grove the Place to Be on Game Day**
- Grange Grove, the grassy area directly west of Memorial Stadium, will once again be THE place for Illini fans on football game days. Opened in 2015, Grange Grove is a free, high-energy tailgating area in the shadows of Memorial Stadium.
- Grange Grove opens at 7am on game days for public tailgating. Programming in the area, including live music and children’s areas, starts approximately three hours before kickoff. The tailgating lot will close at 10pm or an hour after the conclusion of the game (for night games).
- More information on Grange Grove can be found at FightingIllini.com/GrangeGrove

**Illini Home Games Broadcast in Chinese Once Again**
- Illinois Athletics and the Fighting Illini Radio Network, under the direction of Fighting Illini Sports Properties, will once again broadcast in Mandarin Chinese online through FightingIllini.com. It will mark the third straight season of Mandarin broadcasts at Illinois, a trend the Illini started last season.
- The broadcast will be led by Jiajun (Jaden) Li and Diwen (Stephen) Shi.
- Over 5,500 students from China attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, making them the largest group of international students on campus. The number of Chinese students attending Illinois has gradually increased from 850 students in the fall of 2005 to more than six times that number today.
## TURNOVERS FORCED

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**BALL STATE (2)**
1Q... Nelson forced fumble (Watson 15 yard return)
3Q... Watson interception (21 yard return)

**WESTERN KENTUCKY (2)**
2Q... J. Jones interception (returned 10 yards for TD)
2Q... Roundtree sack forced fumble (recovered by Milan)

**SOUTH FLORIDA (1)**
1Q... Adams interception (no return)

**IOWA (2)**
1Q... S. Green forced fumble (Nelson returned 23 yards)
2Q... Williams interception (returned 20 yards)

**RUTGERS (3)**
1Q... S. Green forced fumble (recovery by Crawford)
2Q... Shogbonyo forced fumble (recovery by Crawford)
3Q... Crawford forced fumble (recovery by Milan)

**MINNESOTA (3)**
1Q... B. Williams forced fumble (recovery by J. Jones)
3Q... S. Green interception (returned 19 yards)
4Q... Watkins interception (no return)

**WISCONSIN (1)**
2Q... B. Williams interception (returned 20 yards)

**PURDUE (1)**
3Q... M. Marchese fumble recovery (no return)

**INDIANA (1)**
1Q... J. Dunlap interception (no return)

## ILLINOIS SCORING DRIVES

**BALL STATE**
1st... 9:58... TD... Dudek, Mike 16 yard pass from Crouch (Miller pass failed) 1 play, 16 yards, 0:07
2nd... 7:52... TD... Epstein, Mike 6 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 12 plays, 69 yards, 5:46
2nd... 0:21... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 40 yard field goal 7 plays, 58 yards, 2:36
4th... 2:06... TD... Epstein, Mike 1 yard run (Crouch rush) 4 plays, 35 yards, 1:34

**WESTERN KENTUCKY**
1st... 8:45... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 37 yard field goal 7 plays, 17 yards, 3:14
2nd... 9:58... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 20 yard field goal 14 plays, 63 yards, 6:59
2nd... 1:21... TD... Jones, Julian 10 yard interception return (McLaughlin kick) N/A
3rd... 8:19... TD... Crouch, Chayce 9 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 6 plays, 29 yards, 1:34

**SOUTH FLORIDA**
1st... 8:20... PAT... Hobbs, Nate PAT Return N/A
2nd... 2:18... TD... Epstein, Mike 45 yard field goal 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:31
4th... 13:30... TD... Epstein, Mike 21 yard pass from Crouch (George, Jr. pass failed) 3 plays, 80 yards, 0:33
4th... 6:13... TD... Bonner, Ra’Von 1 yard run (Dudek pass from George, Jr.) 4 plays, 79 yards, 1:40

**IOWA**
1st... 9:32... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 29 yard field goal 10 plays, 59 yards, 3:56
2nd... 6:40... TD... Bonner, Ra’Von 2 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 6 plays, 85 yards, 2:26
2nd... 2:49... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 24 yard field goal 9 plays, 29 yards, 3:33
3rd... 2:43... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 40 yard field goal 10 plays, 53 yards, 3:57

**RUTGERS**
1st... 3:18... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 43 yard field goal 7 plays, 42 yards, 4:03
2nd... 8:10... TD... Bonner, Ra’Von 1 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 9 plays, 75 yards, 4:57
4th... 7:56... TD... Smalling, Ricky 30 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick) 5 plays, 85 yards, 2:27
4th... 1:11... TD... Dorsey, Louis 9 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick) 11 plays, 87 yards, 3:21

**MINNESOTA**
1st... 6:05... TD... Bonner, Ra’Von 6 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 2 plays, 15 yards, 0:39
4th... 10:06... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 28 yard field goal 8 plays, 33 yards, 4:03
4th... 0:23... TD... Smalling, Ricky 14 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick) 11 plays, 75 yards, 3:48

**WISCONSIN**
2nd... 0:39... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 28 yard field goal 13 plays, 65 yards, 6:28
4th... 0:49... TD... Foster, Kendrick 3 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 9 plays, 75 yards, 3:05

**PURDUE**
1st... 4:34... TD... Dorsey, Louis 8 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick) 10 plays, 75 yards, 5:50
2nd... 1:06... FG... McLaughlin, Chase 31 yard field goal 14 plays, 40 yards, 7:01

**INDIANA**
3rd... 14:42... TD... Dorsey, Louis 77 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick) 1 play, 77 yards, 0:18
4th... 12:59... TD... Reams, Caleb 13 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick) 6 plays, 74 yards, 1:54
### CHARTING THE ILLINI

#### LONGEST DRIVES

- **by # of plays:** 15, 2x (84 yds, 6:41, TD vs. WKU & 64 yds, 9:00, FG vs. NEB)
- **by # of yards:** 87 (11 plays, 3:21, TD vs. Rutgers)
- **Time of Possession:** 9:00 (15 plays, 64 yards, FG vs. NEB)

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#### ILLINOIS ACADEMICS

##### GRADS ON GRADS ON GRADS

The 2017 Fighting Illini roster features six student-athletes that already earned a bachelor's degree prior to the 2017 season.

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##### MAKING THE GRADE

The Illini continue to excel in the classroom.

- A total of 32 football student-athletes earned degrees in 2016-17, including six that are on the 2017 roster pursuing second degrees or master’s degrees.
- Illini players have earned 112 degrees in the last three years – 32 in 2017, 42 in 2016 and 38 in 2015.
- Illinois has broken its school record for Academic All-Big Ten selections in each of the last five seasons. Prior to 2012, the school record was 12 (2000 & 2009). Since then, the Illini have had 18 (2012), 21 (2013), 29 (2014), 31 (2015) and now 35 (2016).
- In addition to being a new program record, the 35 Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 2016 was the most by any Big Ten school.
- For 10 consecutive semesters, at least 40 football student-athletes have posted at least a 3.0 grade-point-average, including 59 in Spring 2016. In the same time frame, Illinois’ team GPA also has risen steadily from 2.71 in fall 2012 to a high of 3.06 in Spring 2016.

#### Semester  3.0+ GPAs  Team GPA

| Fall 2012  | 42 | 2.71 |
| Spring 2013 | 51 | 2.87 |
| Fall 2013  | 43 | 2.84 |
| Spring 2014 | 41 | 2.90 |
| Fall 2014  | 56 | 2.97 |
| Spring 2015 | 60 | 2.98 |
| Fall 2015  | 58 | 2.92 |
| Spring 2016 | 59 | 3.06 |
| Fall 2016  | 45 | 2.81 |
| Spring 2017 | 47 | 2.90 |
### 2017 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL // GAME NOTES

#### TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Team            | Score | First Downs | Rushing Att-Yd-TD | Passing C-A-Int-YD | Passing Total Yards | Total Defense | Punt Fumbles Penalties Time Poss |
|-----------------|-------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Illinois        | 24    | 14          | 30-71-2           | 10-19-1           | 145                | 216           | 5-221           | 1-0                             | 3-30                            | 23.27 | 36.33 |
| vs. Ball State  | 21    | 21          | 51-171-2          | 21-34-1           | 204                | 375           | 4-161           | 1-1                             | 2-25                            | 23.27 | 36.33 |
| vs. Ball State  | 20    | 19          | 50-193-1          | 14-25-1           | 107                | 300           | 7-243           | 4-0                             | 9-95                            | 37.54 | 22.06 |
| vs. Northwestern| 7     | 14          | 16-6-1            | 28-43-1           | 238                | 244           | 7-216           | 4-1                             | 11-100                          | 22.06 | 22.06 |
| at South Florida| 22    | 15          | 66-376-2          | 20-40-1           | 287                | 354           | 7-295           | 0-0                             | 15-138                          | 21.43 | 38.17 |
| vs. Minnesota  | 6     | 15          | 37-93-0           | 10-16-1           | 106                | 199           | 5-185           | 3-0                             | 5-49                            | 28.52 | 31.08 |
| at Iowa        | 45    | 20          | 38-191-1          | 22-45-3           | 246                | 446           | 2-88            | 1-1                             | 5-50                            | 31.40 | 28.20 |
| vs. Rutgers    | 24    | 18          | 47-274-5          | 20-38-2           | 308                | 394           | 6-259           | 3-3                             | 8-68                            | 31.45 | 28.15 |
| at Minnesota  | 17    | 15          | 36-121-1          | 20-27-1           | 161                | 282           | 5-292           | 3-3                             | 8-75                            | 28.15 | 31.17 |
| vs. Wisconsin | 10    | 17          | 33-134-1          | 9-31-2           | 152                | 286           | 5-165           | 1-1                             | 5-45                            | 27.52 | 32.08 |
| at Purdue      | 10    | 15          | 35-80-0           | 12-27-1           | 170                | 250           | 5-168-3         | 2-0                             | 9-66                            | 29.36 | 30.24 |
| vs. Indiana   | 14    | 10          | 30-33-0           | 13-26-2           | 261                | 294           | 5-209-2         | 2-1                             | 8-73                            | 25.35 | 34.25 |
| vs. Northwestern| 24   | 22          | 42-139-1          | 13-48-1           | 289                | 428           | 5-339           | 1-0                             | 5-49                            | 34.25 | 34.25 |

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**BOLD** = started most recent game
KEY PLAYER QUICK FACTS – OFFENSE

QB 10 Cam Thomas (Fr., 6-2, 200) Fourth Illini true freshman to start at QB ... Ranked No. 35 dual-threat QB recruit by ESPN ... HS conference's 200-meter dash champion

QB 3 Jeff George Jr. (So., 6-3, 215) Career-high 308 passing yards vs. Rutgers ... 5th career start (first at Michigan in 2016) ... Father is former Illini and No. 1 pick Jeff George

QB 7 Chayce Crouch (Jr., 6-4, 230) Also plays tight end ... 2-2 as a starting QB (Wins at Rutgers vs. Ball State, vs. Western Kentucky)

RB 21 Ra’von Bonner (Fr., 5-11, 210) Missed last three games with an injury ... career-high 62 rushing yards vs. Rutgers ... Ranked No. 79 RB in the nation by Scout and No. 82 by ESPN

RB 22 Kendrick Foster (Sr., 5-9, 190) Led Illini in rushing yards (720), touchdowns (9) and all-purpose yards (1,328) in 2016 ... Third in the Big Ten in ypc (5.71) in 2016

RB 2 Reggie Corbin (So., 5-10, 210) 14th in the nation in yards/carry among freshmen (6.08) in 2016 ... Rb Rugby national champ in high school

FB 36 Austin Roberts (Jr., 6-2, 245) Primarily used for blocking ... Academic All-Big Ten as a biology major ... Injured after three games played in 2016

WR 11 Malik Turner (Sr., 6-3, 200) 1+ catch in 29 straight games ... All-Big Ten honorable mention (media) in 2016 ... Sixth in the Big Ten in receptions per game (4.4) in 2016

WR 18 Mike Dudek (Jr., 5-11, 185) 2+ catches in all 20 games he has played ... ESPN.com True-Freshman All-American in 2014 ... Missed 2015 & 2016 due to injury

WR 4 Ricky Smalling (Fr., 6-1, 205) 20+ yard catch in six straight games ... Four-star recruit ... 76-yard rec. at USF is 2nd longest in Illini history as a true freshman

WR 5 Carmoni Green (Fr., 6-1, 190) Team-high four catches at Iowa ... Made debut in the fourth game of the season against Nebraska ... Ranked No. 52 WR recruit by Rivals

WR 8 Dominic Thieman (So., 6-3, 200) Started the opener against Ball State ... Career highs in receptions (4) and receiving yards (25) vs. Minnesota in 2016

TE 19 Louis Dorsey (Fr., 6-6, 225) Six receptions of 20+ yards ... Ranked No. 16 TE in the nation by ESPN ... 77-yard rec. vs. Indiana is longest in Illini history as a true freshman

TE 45 Henry McGrew (Jr., 6-3, 245) First career catch at Purdue ... First start vs. Nebraska ... Former linebucker ... Played primarily on special teams the last two seasons

T 79 Vederian Lowe (Fr., 6-5, 300) Made his Illinois debut and first career start at Iowa ... Injured for training camp and the start of the season

T 67 Christian DiLauro (Sr., 6-5, 300) Snapped 31 straight starts in opener against Ball State ... 2014 ESPN.com Big Ten All-Freshman team ... Majoring in agri-accounting

DT 96 Tymir Oliver (So., 6-3, 300) Tied career highs with five tackles and 1.0 sack vs. Wisconsin ... 2015 Pennsylvania Football Writers Association First-Team All-State

CB 34 Christion Abercrombie (r-Fr., 6-1, 230) Redshirted last year as a true freshman ... Three-star recruit by ESPN.com and Scout ... 106 tackles, 4.0 sacks and four INTs as a senior

DT 95 Kenyon Jackson (So., 6-0, 290) Voted captain for the Rutgers game ... Started five games in 2016 ... Father, Keith, was a six-time NFL Pro Bowl selection

DE/DT 91 Jamal Woods (Fr., 6-2, 265) Career-high four tackles at South Florida ... Three-star recruit by 247Sports ... Also wrestled in high school

DE/LB 34 Tymir Oliver (So., 6-4, 285) Tied career highs with five tackles and 1.0 sack vs. Wisconsin ... 2015 Pennsylvania Football Writers Association First-Team All-State

DT 94 Tito Odenigbo (Jr., 6-3, 300) Father graduated from the University of Illinois' College of Engineering ... Brother played at Northwestern

DB 2 Julian Jones (Jr., 5-10, 200) 1+ catch in 29 straight games ... All-Big Ten honorable mention (media) in 2016 ... Sixth in the Big Ten in receptions per game (4.4) in 2016

DB 9 Delvis Cofield (Sr., 6-1, 215) First career start at Iowa ... Career-high seven tackles and 0.5 TFL vs. Michigan State ... Missed the final three games of 2016 with an injury

LB 9 Caleb栋 (Sr., 6-2, 220) 16 tackles in Illini debut vs. Ball State ... Garden City CC transfer ... Four-star recruit by Scout ... Led Garden City to 2016 JUCO national title

LB 10 James Knight (Sr., 5-10, 205) First career start vs. Rutgers ... Illini's first non-scholarship starter since Clayton Feiedele in 2014

LB 11 Taiquan Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 240) First career INT vs. Indiana ... 10+ tackles in four career games

LB 12 Sam D'Antoni (Sr., 6-1, 230) First career INT vs. Minnesota ... Started seven games as a true freshman in 2016 ... 10+ tackles in four career games

LB 20 Julian Jones (Jr., 6-2, 220) First career start vs. WKU ... Palczewski, Larry Boyd and Vederian Lowe are first true freshmen trio to start on OL in Illini history

LB 21 Patrick Nelson (Sr., 6-2, 210) 2016 ESPN.com, Big Ten Network All-Freshman Teams ... Third on the team with 75 tackles in 2016 ... Tied Illini season-high 16 tackles at Nebraska

LB 22 Del'Shawn Phillips (Jr., 6-2, 230) 16 tackles at Ball State ... Career-high seven tackles and 0.5 TFL vs. Michigan State ... Missed the final three games of 2016 with an injury

LB 24 Dawson DeGroot (Sr., 6-1, 190) First career start vs. Rutgers ... Three-star recruit by 247Sports ... 2016 Florida 6A all-state third team

KEY PLAYER QUICK FACTS – DEFENSE

DB 97 Bobby Roundtree (Fr., 6-5, 245) 3.0 sacks in the first two games of the season ... Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN Scout

DB 5 James Crawford, Jr. (Sr., 6-2, 235) Former linebucker transitioned to defensive line for 2017 ... Starting linebucker for the first three games of 2016

DB 92 Isaiah Gay (Fr., 6-3, 215) First career start vs. WKU ... Final member of 2017 signing class ... 25 TFLs and 17 sacks as a senior in HS

DE 96 Tymir Oliver (So., 6-3, 300) Six receptions of 20+ yards ... Ranked No. 10 TE in the nation by ESPN ... 77-yard rec. vs. Indiana is longest in Illini history as a true freshman

DE 43 Chase McLaughlin (Jr., 6-1, 180) 24-33 FG, 40-40 PAT in his career ... 53-yard FG vs. Minnesota in 2016 is fourth longest in Illini history ... Mechanical engineering major

DE 55 Nick Allozzetti (Jr., 6-4, 320) 22 straight starts ... Captain during the first four weeks ... AFCA Good Works Team watch list ... Rimington Award watch list

DE 67 Christian DiLauro (Sr., 6-5, 300) Snapped 31 straight starts in opener against Ball State ... 2014 ESPN.com Big Ten All-Freshman team ... Majoring in agri-accounting

T 79 Vederian Lowe (Fr., 6-5, 300) Made his Illinois debut and first career start at Iowa ... Injured for training camp and the start of the season

T 80 Dominic Thieman (So., 6-3, 190) Primarily used for blocking ... Academic All-Big Ten as a biology major ... Injured after three games played in 2016

T 82 Matt Frazier (Sr., 6-3, 290) First career start vs. WKU ... Four-star recruit by ESPN ... 2016 Missouri Football Coaches Association All-state first team

T 84 Doug Kramer (Fr., 6-2, 295) Team-high four catches at Iowa ... Made debut in the fourth game of the season against Nebraska ... Ranked No. 52 WR recruit by Rivals

T 86 Alex Palczewski (Fr., 6-6, 290) First career start vs. WKU ... Palczewski, Larry Boyd and Vederian Lowe are first true freshmen trio to start on OL in Illini history

T 88 Tobin Smith (Fr., 6-3, 290) First career start vs. WKU ... Four-star recruit by ESPN ... 2016 Missouri Football Coaches Association All-state first team

KEY PLAYER QUICK FACTS – SPECIAL TEAMS

P 34 Matt Landis (Sr., 6-1, 200) 1st team All-Big Ten kick returner ... 28.1 return avg. and 1 TD ... Make one TD return at Michigan State in 2016

P 43 Chase McLaughlin (Jr., 6-1, 180) 24-33 FG, 40-40 PAT in his career ... 53-yard FG vs. Minnesota in 2016 is fourth longest in Illini history ... Mechanical engineering major

P 14 Blake Hayes (Fr., 6-6, 230) College debut was first football game he ever attended ... Melbourne, Australia native ... Played Australian rules football for 3 years in HS

LS 58 Sean Mills (Fr., 6-3, 215) Snapped for punts for all 10 games ... Snapped for field goals at USF ... Redshirted in 2016 as a true freshman

LS 56 Ethan Taylor (Fr., 6-1, 220) Snapped for field goals in nine of 10 games ... Redshirted in 2016 as a true freshman
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NOTE: Eligibility - first number is years left on clock, second number is seasons of eligibility remaining (i.e. 5-4 means 5 years to play 4 seasons)

ILLINOIS COACHING STAFF
Lovie Smith Head Coach
Garrick McGee Offensive Coordinator/QB
Hardy Nickerson Defensive Coordinator/LB
Mike Phair Run Game Coordinator/DL
Bob Ligashesky Special Teams Coordinator/TE
Donnie Abraham Defensive Backs/Safeties
Luke Buthus Offensive Line
Andrew Hayes-Stoker Wide Receivers
Thad Ward Running Backs
Paul Williams Defensive Backs/CB
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* Early enrollee, Jan. 2017

### 2017 Roster By Position

#### Quarterbacks (6)
- Chayce Crouch
- Jeff George, Jr.
- Connor Kelly
- Camden Miller
- Cam Thomas
- Charlie Reinkemeyer

#### Running Backs (11)
- Christian Bobak
- Ra’von Bonner
- Dree Brown
- Reggie Carr
- Mike Epstein
- Kendrick Foster
- Julian Hytton
- Brandon Jones
- Josh Parker
- Austin Roberts
- Brandon Roberts

#### Wide Receivers (14)
- James Bartholomew
- Trenard Davis
- Mike Dudek
- William Dupont
- Carmoni Green
- Keith Jones
- Sam Mays
- Shawn McPartland
- Caleb Reams
- Jordan Roberts
- Ricky Smalling
- Kendal Smith
- Dominic Thieman
- Malik Turner

#### Tight Ends (7)
- Chayce Crouch
- Louis Dorsey
- Nathaniel Echard
- Henry McCraw
- Griffin Palmer

#### Defensive Line (14)
- Bennett Williams
- Alex Pihlstrom
- Bobby Walker
- Nick Allegetti
- Larry Boyd
- Jake Cerny
- Christian DiLauro
- Jordan Fagan
- Kevin Henders
- Kenyon Jackson
- Jamal Milan
- Tito Odinigbo
- Lere Oladipo
- Vederian Lowe
- Zeke Martin
- Gabe Megginson
- Alex Palczewski
- Adam Solomon
- Josh Stover
- Andrew Trainer

#### Defensive Backs (18)
- Tony Adams
- Bennett Williams
- Christian Bobak
- Harvey Clayton Jr.
- Jordan Dunlap
- Nathan Echard
- Ahmari Hayes
- Brandon Roberts
- Jordan Roberts
- Malik Turner
- Sean Mills
- Drew Murtough
- Griffin Palmer
- Ayo Shogbonyo
- Ethan Tabel
- Andrew Trainer

#### Linebackers (13)
- Christian Abercrombie
- Owen Carney Jr.
- James Crawford
- Traven Davis
- Jeff George, Jr.
- Stanley Green
- Jake Hansen
- Jordan Jackson
- Jimmy Marchese
- Jamil Milan
- Tony Adams
- James McCourt
- Daron Doug
- Ayo Shogbonyo
- Alex McEachern

#### Long Snappers (2)
- Tony Adams
- Bennett Williams

#### Kickers (2)
- Jackson Davis
- Sean Mills

#### Punters (2)
- Jake Cerny
- Kyle Keuch

####Kickers (2)
- Harvey Clayton Jr.
- Ryan Tucker
AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD ...

Rushing
150 yards rushing: 180, Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue, 11/7/2015
100 yards rushing: 111, Mike Epstein vs. Western Kentucky, 9/5/2017
Five consecutive 100-yard rushing games: Mikel Leshoure, 11/5/2010-12/29/2010 (5 games)
2 rushers with 175 yards: Harvey (215), Havard (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998
80+ – yard rushing play: 80, Dane Dufrene at Ohio State, 11/10/2007
70+ – yard rushing play: 78, Ke’Sheawn Vaughn at Purdue, 11/7/2015
Two 40+ runs in one quarter: 56 and 56 (2nd), Kendrick Foster vs. Baylor, 12/29/2010
Two 70+ rushing attempts: 2 rushers, Mikel Leshoure (2) vs. Ball State, 10/27/2007
Two 50+ yard pass plays: Mike Epstein (2) vs. Ball State, 9/12/2010
Two 60+ yard pass plays: Mike Epstein (2) vs. Purdue, 10/1/2010
Two TDs in 1 minute: Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue (3rd quarter), 11/27/2015

Receiving
200 yards receiving: 200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014
150 yards receiving: 164, Malik Turner at Northwestern, 11/26/2016
100 yards receiving: 107, Louis Dorsey from Jeff George, Jr. vs. USF, 9/15/2017
2 receivers with 100+ yards receiving: 146, Kendricks Foster vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016
70+ – yard receiving play: 77, Louis Dorsey from Jeff George, Jr. vs. Indiana, 11/11/2017
60+ – yard receiving play: 67, Louis Dorsey from Jeff George, Jr. vs. Indiana, 11/11/2017
50+ – yard receiving play: 50, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

Defence
10+ tackles: 10 tackles (7), 2017 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013
7+ tackles: 7 tackles (3), 2017 vs. Penn State, 10/7/2017
6+ tackles: 6 tackles (3), 2017 vs. Penn State, 10/7/2017
5+ tackles: 5 tackles (3), 2017 vs. Purdue, 10/1/2017
4+ tackles: 4 tackles (3), 2017 vs. Indiana (14-24), 11/11/2017
3+ tackles: 3 tackles (3), 2017 vs. Northwestern, 11/18/2017
2+ tackles: 2 tackles (3), 2017 vs. Purdue, 10/1/2017
1+ tackle: 1 tackle (3), 2017 vs. Minnesota, 11/2/2017
1+ tackles: 1 tackle (3), 2017 vs. Minnesota, 11/2/2017
0+ tackles: 0 tackles (3), 2017 vs. Michigan State, 11/12/2017

AN ILLINOIS TEAM HAD ...

0 points: 47, vs. Illinois State (0-47), 9/20/1912
70 points: 79, vs. Illinois State (79-0), 9/16/1944
60 points: 65, at Michigan (65-67), 11/6/2010
50 points: 52, vs. Maryland State (52-3), 9/30/2006
40 points: 46, vs. Purdue (46-0), 10/10/2015
30 points: 31 vs. Michigan State (31-17), 11/5/1966
20 points: 20 vs. Iowa (0-20), 11/19/1966
10 points in 1st half: 0 vs. Michigan State (0-14-2), 11/11/2017
0 points in 2nd half: 111, Penn State (111-0), 11/17/2017
0 points in 2nd half: 100, vs. Purdue (100-0), 11/14/2017
Did not score a touchdown: Nebraska (0-6), 9/29/2012
400 rushing yards: 515 vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014
300 rushing yards: 308 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/2017
Fewer than 100 rushing yards: 95 vs. Michigan, 10/22/2016
4 TD catches by tight ends: 4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/22/2013
70 total net yards: 723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/1944
60 total net yards: 612 vs. Indiana, 11/9/2013
500 total net yards: 515 vs. Murray State, 9/3/2020
446 total net yards: 445 vs. Iowa, 10/7/2001

Fewer than 100 total net yards: vs. Penn State, 11/12/2004
Five field goals: 5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/2001

Shutout opponent: Western Illinois (44-0), 11/2/2012
9+ sacks in a game: 9 vs. Purdue, 11/3/2021
6+ sacks in a game: 5 vs. Michigan State, 12/4/2020

15+ TFL in a game: 15 vs. San Jose State, 9/21/2002
10+ TFL in a game: 10 vs. Michigan State, 11/15/2016

Missed extra point kick: vs. Louisville Tech, 12/28/2014
Successful two-point conversion: vs. USF, 9/5/2017
2 successful two-point conversions: vs. Ohio State (2), 11/3/2012

Forced 5+ turnovers: 5 vs. Rutgers, 10/15/2016
Turned ball over 5+ times: vs. Louisville Tech, 9/22/2012
10+ passes broken up: 11, vs. Illinois State, 3/9/2020
Blocked kicks: 2 vs. South Dakota, 11/3/2012
Blocked punts: 2 vs. Iowa, 11/20/2011

Entire game without punting: vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/22/2013
No penalties: vs. Arkansas State, 9/9/2012

Back-to-back games with no turnovers: vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/26/2015 and vs. Nebraska, 10/3/2015

No sacks allowed: vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/2016

A successful on-side kick: vs. Middle Tennessee, 11/18/2016

Overtime game: Loss vs. Purdue, 34-31 (OT), 10/8/2016
Overtime game at home: Loss vs. Purdue, 34-31 (OT), 10/8/2016
A game with a weather delay: 2 games, vs. Wake Forest (3:57 delay)
A game was postponed, vs. Kent State, 9/3/2015 (2:50 delay)
Eventually postponed and played next day on 9/5/2015

AN OPPOSING TEAM HAD ...

200 yards rushing: 209, at Purdue, 11/4/2017
300 yards rushing: 376, vs. USF, 9/15/2017
Fewer than 100 yards rushing: 6, Western Kentucky, 9/9/2017
Fewer than 50 yards rushing: 6, Western Kentucky, 9/9/2017

Negative yards rushing: 10, Murray State, 9/3/2016
One first down: Missouri, 9/10/1994
Zero first downs: Michigan, 10/27/34

400 net yards: 405, vs. Missouri, 9/30/1919
300 net yards: 300, vs. Nebraska (300-0), 10/14/2017
200 net yards: 200, vs. Nebraska (200-0), 10/14/2017

0 points in 1st half: 0 points (0-0), 11/12/2015
DID NOT SCORE: Western Illinois (0-47), 9/20/2012
Scored on a safety: Missouri (2-0), 11/9/2017

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**GAME 1**  
BALL STATE  
vs  
ILLINOIS  
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 42,505  
SEP. 2, 2017

**SCORING BY QUARTER**

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**SCORING SUMMARY**

- First Quarter  
  - Ball State: 14 yard field goal (Rimmer kick), 0:56 (1-11, 3:42)
  - Illinois: 33 yard field goal (Klein kick), 0:00 (1-0, 2:01)

**TEAM STATISTICS**

- Time of Possession: 23:45 vs. 19:40
- Rushing-Yards: 55-161 vs. 27-81
- Passing Yards: 23-34-19 vs. 14-25-20
- Total Yards: 397-165 vs. 215-151
- First Downs: 21 vs. 14
- Kickoff Returns: 3-57 vs. 2-38
- Punt Returns: 1-3 vs. 2-30
- Total Penalties: 11-100 vs. 9-95

**GAME NOTES**

- Illinois has won 20 straight home-openers (last loss 1997 vs. Southern Mississippi), the fourth-longest streak in the nation.
- Illinois had 10 first-time starters - six on defense (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams, DE Bobby Butkus, DL Jim Covington, TE Michael Hoomanawanui, CB Vontae Davis, S Sage McMullen).
- Illinois started five true freshmen on defense for the first time since 1980 (6).
- Illinois started five true freshmen on offense for the first time ever.
- Illinois' 10 true freshmen starters is the most in the nation this season.
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the defensive line (DE Isaiah Gay, DE Bobby Butkus) for the first time in 2017.
- Illinois started two true freshmen defensive backs (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams) in the season opener for the first time since at least 1975.

**GAME 2**

WESTERN KENTUCKY  
vs  
ILLINOIS  
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 41,923  
SEP. 9, 2017

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**SCORING SUMMARY**

- First Quarter  
  - Illinois: Hobbs PAT return, 9:20 (0-0, 9:20)
  - Western Kentucky: 29 yard field goal (Johnson kick), 0:50 (4-4, 1:00)

**TEAM STATISTICS**

- Time of Possession: 23:46 vs. 20:58
- Rushing-Yards: 51-171 vs. 30-71
- Passing Yards: 23-34-19 vs. 14-25-20
- Total Yards: 397-165 vs. 215-151
- First Downs: 21 vs. 14
- Punt Returns: 1-3 vs. 2-30
- Total Penalties: 11-100 vs. 9-95

**GAME NOTES**

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- Illinois started two true freshmen defensive backs (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams) in the season opener for the first time since at least 1975.
- Illinois started three true freshmen defensive backs (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams, CB Nate Hobbs) for the first time ever.
- Illinois started two true freshmen on defense for the first time ever.
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- Illinois started two true freshmen on offense for the first time ever.
- Illinois started five true freshmen on defense for the first time ever.
- Illinois started five true freshmen defensive backs (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams, CB Nate Hobbs) for the first time ever.
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the defensive line (DE Isaiah Gay, DE Bobby Butkus) for the second straight game (only two times ever)
- Illinois returned a blocked extra point for two points in the first quarter, its first defensive extra point since Kevin Mitchell (79 yards) at Ohio State, 11/5/2005.
## GAME SUMMARIES

### GAME 4
**Nebraska** 28  
**Illinois** 6  
**Kinnick Stadium // Iowa City, Iowa // 69,894**

**Game Notes**
- Senior WR Malik Turner has caught a pass in 24 straight games, which is among the top 20 longest active streaks in the nation.
- Illinois has played 20 true freshmen this season, tied for the most in the nation.
- Illinois’ 13 true freshmen starters this season is a program record. The previous high for a season was nine in 1980.
- Illinois’ most cumulative true freshmen starts in a season was 33 (2006) and 34 (1977), which is the most of any team in the nation.
- Illinois started three true freshmen on the offensive line for the first time in 20 years.

**Rutgers** 35  
**Illinois** 24  
**Memorial Stadium // Champaign, Ill. // 35,765**

**Game Notes**
- Illinois’ most cumulative true freshmen starts in a season was 33 (2006) and 34 (1977), which is the most of any team in the nation.
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2017 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL  //  GAME NOTES

**GAME 7**

**ILLINOIS. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 17**

**MINNESOTA. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 24**

**OCT. 21, 2017**

**TCF BANK STADIUM // MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. // 45,243**

**SCORING BY QUARTER**

**Team** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F
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Illinois | 7 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 17
Minnesota | 2 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 29

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**First Quarter**

MINN - Johnson 8 yard pass from Craft (Carpenter kick), 11:53 (3-72, 3-07)
ILL - Bonner 6 yard run (McLaughlin kick), 6:05 (2-15, 0-39)

**Third Quarter**

MINN - Carpenter 20 yard field goal, 8:33 (12-65, 4-16)

**Fourth Quarter**

ILL - McLaughlin 28 yard field goal, 10:06 (8-33, 4-03)
MINN - McCrary 24 yard field goal, 11:20 (13-51, 5-12)

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

**Rushing (Carries-Yards-TD):**

ILL - Green 12-69-0, Phillips 11-45-0, Dunlap 6-26-0

**Passing (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):**

MINN - Craft 5-11-2-1-47, George, Jr. 1-1-1-1-128

**Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD):**

ILL - Green 10-78-0, Foster 15-66-1, Corbin 4-18-0

**TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):**

MINN - Ezechukwu 4, 2.0-20. ILL - Green 10; Phillips 6; Dunlap 6.

**TEAM STATISTICS**

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**GAME NOTES**

- Illinois last nine straight offensive touchdowns have been by true freshmen dating back to the USF game.
- 11 of Illinois' 13 offensive touchdowns (84.6 percent) this season have been scored by true freshmen.
- Illinois lost Minnesota to 5-15 passing for 47 yards. It was Minnesota's lowest passing yards total in a game this season.
- Illinois has played 21 true freshmen this season, after QB Cam Thomas debuted at Wisconsin.

**GAME 8**

**#5/5 WISCONSIN . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 24**

**ILLINOIS. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10**

**OCT. 28, 2017**

**MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, IL. // 42,101**

**SCORING BY QUARTER**

**Team** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F
---|---|---|---|---|---
Wisconsin | 7 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 33
Illinois | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 10

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**First Quarter**

WS - Hepburn 3 yard run (Gaglianone kick), 0:00 (2-12, 2-10)
ILL - Foster 3 yard run (McLaughlin kick), 6:49 (17-75, 3-50)

**Second Quarter**

WS - Gaglianone 43 yard field goal, 14:14 (17-0, 12-0)
ILL - Foster 3 yard run (McLaughlin kick), 6:49 (17-75, 3-50)

**Third Quarter**

WS - Foster 1 yard run (Gaglianone kick), 10:33 (14-0, 13-0)
ILL - Phillips 1 yard run (McLaughlin kick), 10:13 (15-7, 15-7)

**Fourth Quarter**

WS - Foster 2 yard run (Gaglianone kick), 0:52 (16-17, 16-17)
ILL - Phillips 1 yard run (McLaughlin kick), 6:39 (19-7, 19-7)

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**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

**Rushing (Carries-Yards-TD):**

WS - Bey 9-42-1, Gaglianone 7-68-1
ILL - Foster 12-79-1, Austin 9-56-1, Erecias 5-38-1, Phillips 2-0-0

**Passing (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):**

WS - Hornibrook 16-17-1-3-262, George, Jr. 5-8-0-75, O'Connell 1-0-1-10
ILL - McLaughlin 10-23-3-159

**Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD):**

WS - Wilson 5-63-0, Sterns 4-32-1, McMillan 3-26-0, Gaglianone 2-14-0
ILL - Foster 12-79-1, Austin 9-56-1, Erecias 5-38-1

**TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):**

WS - Cephus 3-31-0, Pryor 2-37-0, Fumagalli 2-31-0, Ezechukwu 4, 2.0-20. ILL - Green 10; Phillips 6; Dunlap 6

**GAME NOTES**

- Illinois' 134 rushing yards are the second-most allowed by Wisconsin this season (135 vs. Minnesota).
- Wisconsin held Illinois to 5-of-15 passing for 47 yards. It was Minnesota’s lowest passing yards total in a game this season.
- Wisconsin has played 21 true freshmen this season, after QB Cam Thomas debuted at Minnesota.
- The Illini and LSU were tied for the national lead with 10 true freshmen playing the week.
- Illinois has used 26 first-time starters in 2017, the most in the nation (added LB Sherry and RB A. Roberts at Minnesota).
- Freshman QB Cam Thomas played for the first time and led the team with 79 rushing yards.
- Senior WR Malik Turner has caught a pass in 27 straight games. His 26-game streak was 18th-best in the nation entering the week.
- Freshman DB Bennett Williams had his first career forced fumble in the first quarter. He led the team with a career-high 14 tackles, including eight solo.
- Sophomore QB Stoney Green had his first career interception in the third quarter. He also had 13 tackles.
- Sophomore DB Cameron Watkins had his first career interception in the fourth quarter.
GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 10

INDIANA ............................................. 24
ILLINOIS ............................................. 14

NOV. 11, 2017
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 40,195

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SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

IND: Ellison 2 yard run (Oakes kick), 6:30 (10-45, 2:59)
IND: Thomas 4 yard pass from Lagow (Oakes kick), 0:48 (8-90, 2:16)

Third Quarter

ILL: Dorsey 77 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick), 14:42 (1-77, 0:18)
IND: Oakes 28 yard field goal, 5:13 (9-68, 1:51)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Reams 14 yard pass from George, Jr (McLaughlin kick), 12:59 (6-74, 1:54)
IND: Cobbs, Jr. 5 yard pass from Lagow (Oakes kick), 5:45 (6-41, 2:52)

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INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD):
IND - Gest 17-82-0, Ellison 13-49-1, Williams 2-16-0, ILL - Foster 22-83-0, George, Jr 8-(-50)-0.
PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD):
IND - Timian 5-62-0, Cobbs, Jr. 4-54-1, Williams 5-56-0, ILL - Dorsey 3-107-1, Smoothing 3-73-0, Reams 2-18-1.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):
IND - Dutra 9, 0.5-1, Covington 8, 1.5-10, Johnson 7, 3-15-0, ILL - Nelson 10, Green 8, Woods 8, 2.5-6

GAME NOTES

- 13 of Illinois’ 17 offensive touchdowns (76.5 percent) have been scored by true freshmen. Freshman touchdowns have been scored by Ra’Von Bonner (4), Mike Epstein (4), Ricky Smalling (2) and Louis Dorsey (3).
- Freshman TE Louis Dorsey’s 77-yard touchdown reception from Jeff George Jr. to start the second half was...
  » the longest reception in Illinois history by a true freshman.
  » tied for the ninth-longest passing play in Illinois history.
  » tied for the longest in Illinois history against Indiana during their 72 meetings (2011 Scheelhaase to Jenkins, 77 yards).
  » the sixth longest by an Illinois player in Memorial Stadium history.
  » the longest passing play of the season for Illinois.
- Freshman TE Louis Dorsey’s 107 receiving yards are...
  » the most by a true freshman tight end in Illinois history.
  » the seventh most by a tight end in Illinois history.
  » the sixth most by a true freshman in Illinois history.
- Freshman WR Ricky Smalling has at least one catch of 20+ yards in six straight games. Smalling caught three passes
34 CHRISTIAN ABERCROMBIE
DL, 6-1, 230, R-FR.
ATLANTA, GA. / WESTLAKE

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 4 vs. Purdue, 11/4/17
Sacks: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
TFLs: 1 vs. South Florida, 9/15/17

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME
2017 UA AS TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
BALL ST 1 1 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
NW 1 1 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
IND 1 1 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
@PUR 0 0 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
TOTAL 3 2 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
2017 5 1 1 1 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

6 TONY ADAMS
DB, 6-0, 195, FR.
BELLEVILLE, ILL. / ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HS

2017 Freshman:
- Out for the season with an injury
  » First Illini true freshman corner back to start the season opener since Vontae Davis in 2006 against Eastern Illinois
  » First career interception at South Florida

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 4 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Sacks: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
TFLs: 1 vs. South Florida, 9/15/17

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME
2017 UA AS TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
BALL ST 1 1 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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TOTAL 3 2 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
2017 5 1 1 1 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

47 SEAN ADESANYA
DL, 6-3, 250, JR.
RAHWAY, N.J. / RAHWAY HS / EASTERN ARIZONA JC

Pronunciation: ah-de-SAN-ya

2017 Junior:
- First career start and Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 4 vs. South Florida, 9/15/17
Sacks: 1 vs. South Florida, 9/15/17
TFLs: 1 vs. South Florida, 9/15/17

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME
2017 UA AS TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
BALL ST 1 1 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
NW 1 1 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
IND 1 1 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
@PUR 0 0 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
TOTAL 3 2 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
2017 5 1 1 1 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

53 NICK ALLEGRETTI
DL, 6-4, 320, JR.
FRANKFORT, IL. / LINCOLN-WAY EAST

Pronunciation: al-uh-GRET-ee

2017 Junior:
- Six starts at guard, four starts at center
  » 21 straight starts entering the Indiana game

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 4, twice (last vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17)
Sacks: 1, twice (last at Minnesota, 10/21/17)

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME
2017 UA AS TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
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IND 1 1 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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TOTAL 3 2 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
2017 5 1 1 1 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

29 CHRISTIAN BOBAK
RB/DB, 6-0, 200, R-FR.
HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

Pronunciation: BO-BAK

2017 Freshman:
- Plays special teams
  » First career offensive snaps against Rutgers
  » Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 1, twice (last vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17)
Sacks: 1, twice (last vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17)

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME
2017 UA AS TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
BALL ST 1 1 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
NW 1 1 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
IND 1 1 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
@PUR 0 0 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0
TOTAL 3 2 2 0.0 0 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOT TFL YDS QBS YDS FF FR INT YDS QBH PBU
2017 5 1 1 1 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

21 RA’VON BONNER
RB, 5-11, 210, FR.
CINCINNATI, OHIO / SYGAMORE

Pronunciation: RAY-von

2017 Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky
  » First career start at Iowa

CAREER HIGHS
Carries: 19 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17
Rushing Yards: 62 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17
Long Run: 19 at Iowa, 10/7/17
Rushing Touchdowns: 1, twice (last vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17)
Receptions: 7, twice (last vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17)
Receiving Yards: 7, twice (last vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17)
All-Purpose Yards: 60 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17

RUSHING STATISTICS
YEAR G ATT YDS TD LG AVG/C AVG/G
2017 6 67 202 4 19 3.0 33.7

TOTAL 6 67 202 4 19 3.0 33.7

RECEIVING STATISTICS
YEAR G REC YDS TD LG AVG/C AVG/G
2017 6 2 5 0 7 0.3 2.5 0.8

TOTAL 6 2 5 0 7 0.3 2.5 0.8

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME
2017 CAR YDS TD LG REC YDS TD LG
BALL ST 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
NW 12 25 0 8 0 0 0 0
@USF 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
@IOWA 4 10 0 6 1 2 0 0
@MIN 12 47 1 19 0 0 0 0
RUT 19 62 1 14 1 7 0 7
@MIN 18 57 1 9 0 0 0 0
IND 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
@MIN 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

67 LARRY BOYD
OL, 6-6, 340, FR.
ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

2017 Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
  » First career start in the second game of the season against Western Kentucky
  » Teamed with Alex Palczewski and Vedanian Lowe to be Illinois’ first ever true-freshmen trio to start the same game on the offensive line

25 DRE BROWN
RB, 5-11, 210, FR.
CINCINNATI, OHIO / SYGAMORE

Pronunciation: RAY-von

2017 Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut at Iowa
  » First career offensive snaps against Rutgers

CAREER HIGHS
Carries: 4 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17
Rushing Yards: 11 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17
Long Run: 5 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17
Rushing Touchdowns: 1.
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2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Played as a third team member (eligible TE) against Nebraska

99 OWEN CARNEY JR.
DL, 6-3, 240, FR.
MIAMI, FLA. / MIAMI CENTRAL

2017 Freshman:
- Enrolled at Illinois for spring semester and participated in 2017 spring practices

2017 6 6 17 0 10 1.0 2.8 2.8
Career Highs
- First career start in the 10th game of the season against Indiana

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Plays mostly on special teams
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

2017 DB, 6-2, 215, R-FR.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD. / GONZAGA COLLEGE HS

2017 Sophomore:
- Injured for the first three games of the season

2015 12 17 19 36 4.0 11 2 1 0 0 1
Career Highs
- Started defensive end

2015 12 17 19 36 4.0 11 2 1 0 0 1
Career Highs
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

5 JAMES CRAWFORD
DL, 6-2, 235, SR.
DEERFIELD, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

2017 Senior:
- Starting defensive end

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Played as a third team member (eligible TE) against Nebraska

2016 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Career Highs
- Earned bachelor's degree in communication in Dec. 2016
- Currently pursuing a second bachelor's degree in agricultural leadership education

73 JAKE CERNY
DL, 6-5, 305, R-FR.
TREVERSE CITY, MICH. / TREATRE CITY WEST

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Played as a third team member (eligible TE) against Nebraska

2017 KR-YDS AVG TD LG REC YDS TD LG
Rushing Yards:
- Made his Illinois debut against Ball State
- First career start in the 10th game of the season against Indiana

2017 4 4 11 0 6 2.8 2.8
Career Highs
- Played as an extra lineman (eligible TE) against Nebraska
- Started defensive end

Defensive Statistics
- Tipped passes on 2 occasions (last vs. Purdue, 10/8/16)
- Made his Illinois debut against Ball State

2017 6 6 17 0 10 1.0 2.8 2.8
Career Highs
- Enrolled at Illinois for spring semester and participated in 2017 spring practices

122 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Rushing Yards:
- Made his Illinois debut against Ball State
- Started defensive end

2017 6 6 17 0 10 1.0 2.8 2.8
Career Highs
- Started defensive end

Defensive Statistics
- Started defensive end

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7 CHAYCE CROUCH
QB/TE, 6-4, 230, JR.
NEWARK, OHIO / NEWARK CATHOLIC

2017 Junior:
• Starting quarterback in the first four games
• 10-19 passing for a career-high 145 yards in the opener against Ball State
• Career-high 14 completions for 107 yards against Western Kentucky
• First career catch at Iowa

CAREER HIGHS
Attempts: 25 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/17
Completion: 14 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/17
Passing Yards: 145 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Passing Touchdowns: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17

CAREER GAME-BY-GAME
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

PASSING STATISTICS
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

RUSHING STATISTICS
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

RECEIVING STATISTICS
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

10 TRENDON DAVIS
WR, 6-0, 190, So.
BOYNTON BEACH, FLA. / AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

Pronunciation: tre-NARD

2017 Sophomore:
• First career catch at South Florida
• First career completion against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 3 vs. Indiana, 11/11/17
Year: vs. Minnesota, 10/14/17

CAREER GAME-BY-GAME
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

PASSING STATISTICS
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

19 LOUIS DORSEY
TE, 6-6, 225, Fr.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / JEAN RIBAULT

2017 Freshman:
• Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
• First career catch was a one-handed grab against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 3 (last vs. Indiana, 1/11/17)
Year: vs. Minnesota, 10/14/17

CAREER GAME-BY-GAME
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

PASSING STATISTICS
YEAR G ATT CMP INT YDS TD LG PCT AVG/P AVG/G EFFIC
2017 7 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 5 4 0 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

67 CHRISTIAN DILAURO
DL, 6-5, 300, Sr.
UNIONTOWN, OHIO / GREEN

• Earned bachelor’s degree in agricultural and consumer economics in Dec. 2016
• Currently pursuing a second bachelor’s degree in agricultural leadership education

2017 Senior:
• First career start at guard at Purdue
• Snapped a streak of 31 straight starts in the opener against Ball State
• Played the final three quarters in the opener against Ball State
18 MIKE DUDEK

WR, 5-11, 185, JR.
NAPERVILLE, ILL. / NEUQUA VALLEY

Pronunciation: Dók-dek

2017 Junior:
» Leads team in receptions (21) and receiving yards (229)
» At least two catches in all 19 games he has played
» Returned to start the opener against Ball State after missing the last two seasons, a span of 981 days between games

CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 11 vs. Penn State, 11/22/14
Receiving Yards: 200 vs. Purdue, 10/4/14
Long Reception: 56 at Ohio State, 11/1/14
Receiving Touchdowns: 2 vs. Indiana, 11/11/14
Carries: 1, five times (last vs. Louisiana Tech, 12/26/14)
Rushing Yards: 30 vs. Louisiana Tech, 12/26/14
Rushing Touchdowns: 1
Pass Attempts: 1 vs. Minnesota, 10/26/14
Pass Completions: 1 vs. Minnesota, 10/26/14
Passing Yards: 22 vs. Minnesota, 10/26/14
Long Pass: 22 vs. Minnesota, 10/26/14
Kickoff Returns: 1
Kickoff Return Yardage: 5
Kickoff Returns: 1

Forced Fumbles: 1 at Iowa, 10/17/17

RECEIVING STATISTICS
YEAR | G | REC | YDS | TD | LG | AVG/C | AVG/G | AVG/S
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2017 | 8 | 17 | 5 | 22 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5 | 1
2016 | 12 | 45 | 8 | 12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8 | 1
2015 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6 | 1
2014 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0

PASSING STATISTICS
YEAR | G | ATT | CMP | INT | YDS | TD | LG | AVG/C | AVG/G | AVG/S
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
2017 | 8 | 17 | 10 | 22 | 0.0 | 1 | 5 | 1.0 | 26.7 | 9.3
2016 | 12 | 45 | 25 | 20 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 1.0 | 28.4 | 9.2
2015 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0.8 | 16.8 | 2.2
2014 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0

RUSHING/Rceiving Game-By-Game
YEAR | G | REC | YDS | TD | LG | AVG/R | AVG/G | AVG/S
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
2017 | 8 | 17 | 5 | 22 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 0.3
2016 | 12 | 45 | 8 | 12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0
2015 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0
2014 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0

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1 JAYLEN DUNLAP

DB, 6-1, 190, SR.
CHICAGO, ILL. / CRETE-MONEE

» Earned bachelor’s degree in communication in Dec. 2016
» Currently pursuing a master’s degree in education policy, organization and leadership

2017 Senior:
» Returned from an injury during Week 3 at South Florida

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 11 vs. Michigan State, 11/1/16
TFLs: 2.5 at Michigan, 10/22/16
Sacks: 1 at Purdue, 11/4/17

INTERRUPTIONS
- interception Return-Yards:
  - Touchdowns: 1 vs. Indiana, 11/11/17
  Blocked Punts: 1 vs. Western Illinois 9/12/15

DEFEывает STATISTICS
YEAR | G | UA | A | TOT | TFL | YDS | PB | FF | BLK | QBH | PBU | INT |
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2017 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
2016 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
2015 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
2014 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0

INTERCEPTIONS
YEAR | G | INT | YDS | TD | AVG/R | AVG/G | AVG/S
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
2017 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 17 | 1.0 | 2 | 0
2016 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 17 | 1.0 | 2 | 0
2015 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 17 | 1.0 | 2 | 0
2014 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 17 | 1.0 | 2 | 0

DEFEивает GAME-BY-GAME
YEAR | G | AS | TOT | TFL | YDS | PB | FF | BLK | QBH | PBU | INT |
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2017 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
2016 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
2015 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
2014 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0

2013 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL // GAME NOTES

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39 NATHAN ECHARD

TE, 6-2, 236, SR.
EUREKA, MO. / EUREKA

Pronunciation: EK’erd

» Earned bachelor’s degree in agriculture & consumer economics in May 2017
» Currently pursuing a master’s degree in technology management

2017 Senior:
» Out for the season with an injury

CAREER HIGHS
Carries: 2 at Nebraska, 10/17/16
Rushing Yards: 1 at Nebraska, 10/11/16
Rushing Touchdowns: 1
Long Rush: 1 at Nebraska, 10/11/16
Receptions: 2 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Receiving Yards: 26 at Nebraska, 10/3/16
Receiving Touchdowns: 1
Fumbles Recoveries: 1 at Rutgers 10/15/16

RECEIVING STATISTICS
YEAR | G | REC | YDS | TD | LG | AVG/R | AVG/G | AVG/S
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
2017 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0
2016 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0
2015 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4
2014 | 12 | 51 | 0 | 26 | 0.3 | 12.8 | 4.2 |
## 2017 Illinois Football // Game Notes

### Rushing

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### Football Notes

- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State.
- Started at guard against Nebraska.
- CURRENTLY PURSUING A MAJOR'S DEGREE IN RECREATION, SPORT & TOURISM.

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### 66 Jordan Fagan

**OL, 6-6, 290, Sr.**

Pronunciation: FAH-gin

2017 Senior:
- Started at guard against Nebraska

### 22 Kendrick Foster

**RB, 5-9, 190, Sr.**

Pedoria, Ill. / Richwoods

- Named to Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List
- Earned bachelor's degree in recreation, sport & tourism in May 2017

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### 26 Mike Epstein

**RB, 6-0, 195, Fr.**

ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas

Pronunciation: ep-STEEN

2017 Freshman:
- Out for the season with an injury
- Had first career 100-yard game (111 yards on 21 carries) in win over WKU
- Two touchdowns and 105 all-purpose yards in his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- One of six true freshmen in the nation to score multiple touchdowns during the season opener

### Career Highs

- Touchdowns: 2, twice (last at South Florida, 9/15/17)
- Rushing Yards: 111 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/17
- Long Run: 18 at Iowa, 10/7/17
- Rushing Touchdowns: 2, twice (last at Iowa, 10/7/17)

### 75 Kurt Gavin

OL, 6-4, 300, R-Br.

Mokena, Ill. / Lincoln-Way East

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Played on special teams at Iowa

### 92 Isaiah Gay

OL, 6-3, 215, Fr.

Nashville, N.C. / Northern Nash

2017 Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- First career start in the second game of the season against Western Kentucky
- Blocked kick at South Florida
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9 DELE HARDING
LB, 6-1, 235, SD.
ELKTON, MO. / EASTERN CHRISTIAN

Pronunciation: DAY-LAY

2017 Sophomore:
- Mistaken the season opener at Iowa
- Missed the Nebraska game with an injury

CAREER HIGH:
Tackles: 7 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Sacks: 3, twice (last at Purdue, 11/4/17)

PBUs:
- Twice (last at Purdue, 11/4/17)

Solos:
- 7 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
- 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17

2017 Jr.:
- First career start at Iowa
- First career start against Western Kentucky
- Scored a defensive extra point on a blocked extra point at South Florida

14 BLAKE HAYES
P, 6-6, 230, FR.
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA / BRIGHTON GRAMMAR

2017 Freshman:
- Starting punter
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- College debut was the first football game he ever attended

CAREER HIGHS:
Tackles: 4 vs. Nebraska, 9/9/17
Sacks: 5, twice (last at Iowa, 10/17)

PBUs:
- Twice (last at Iowa, 10/17)

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30 JULIAN HYLTON
DB, 6-1, 210, JR.
TINLEY PARK, ILL. / LINCOLN-WAY NORTH

2017 Junior:
- Plays on special teams

CAREER HIGH:
Tackles: 4 vs. North Carolina, 9/10/16
Sacks: 4 vs. North Carolina, 9/10/16

PBUs:
- Twice (last at Murray State, 9/10/16)

KICK RETURN/PUNT RETURNS GAME-BASED

PBUN:
- 2.0 vs. Nebraska, 10/29/16

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DB, 6-0, 180, FR.
LOUISVILLE, KY. / LOUISVILLE MALE

2017 Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- First career start against Western Kentucky
- Scored a defensive extra point on a blocked extra point at South Florida

CAREER HIGHS:
Tackles: 8 vs. Nebraska, 9/9/17
Sacks: 5, twice (last at Iowa, 10/17)

PBUs:
- Twice (last at Iowa, 10/17)

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DB, 5-11, 195, JR.
ORANGE, TEXAS / WEST ORANGE-STARK

2017 Junior:
- Rotates in at defensive back, mostly playing nickel

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 6, twice (last vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16)
Solo: 4 vs. North Carolina, 9/16/16
TFL: 1-0-0 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
PBU: 2 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
Sacks: 0-0.5 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
QB Hurries: -

Forced Fumbles: -

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 5 at South Florida, 9/15/17
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TFL: -
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1995 KENYON JACKSON
DL, 6-0, 290, SO.
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. / PARKVIEW ARTS & SCIENCE MAGNET

2017 Sophomore:
- First start of the season at Iowa
- Rotates in at defensive tackle

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 6 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Solo: 4 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
TFLs: 1-0 vs. Indiana, 11/17
Sacks: 1-0 vs. Indiana, 11/17
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
PBU: 1 vs. Indiana, 11/17
Interception: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR UA AS TOT TFL-YDS QBS-YDS FF FR BLK QBH
2017 6 1 16 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

2016 UA AS TOT TFL-YDS QBS-YDS FF FR BLK QBH
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26 EVAN JONES
DB, 6-2, 190, FR.
ATLANTA, GA / SALEM
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10 JAMES KNIGHT
DB, 5-10, 205, FR.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. / EAST ST. LOUIS

2017 Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- First career start in the eighth game of the season against Wisconsin
- Ejected for targeting against Wisconsin
- Plays mostly on special teams

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 1, twice (last vs. Wisconsin, 10/28/17)
Special Teams: 2017 Freshman
- First career start against Rutgers
- First non-scholarship Illini to start a game since Clayton Fejedelem in 2014
- Plays on special teams

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 9 vs. Rutgers, 10/15/17
Solo tackles: 2 vs. Rutgers, 10/15/17
Fumbles Forced: 0
Fumbles Recovered: 0
Total Interceptions: 0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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71 ZEKE MARTIN
OL, 6-5, 300, SO.

MEDINA, OHIO / MEDINA

2017 Sophomore:
- Plays on special teams
- First career start at guard and Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

17 JAMES McCourt
PK, 6-1, 220, R-FR.

PARKLAND, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Second-string kicker

45 HENRY McGREW
TE, 6-3, 245, JR.

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. / BLUE VALLEY

2017 Junior:
- Former linebacker rotates in at tight end
- First career start at tight end against Nebraska
- First career catch at Purdue

65 DOUG KRAMER
OL, 6-2, 295, R-FR.

HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
- Starting center
- Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- Missed three games with an injury

79 VEDERIAN LOWE
OL, 6-5, 340, FR.

ROCKFORD, ILL. / AUBURN

2017 Freshman:
- Made his Illinois debut and first career start at Iowa
- Starting tackle
- Teamed with Alex Palczewski and Larry Boyd to be Illinois’ first ever true-freshmen trio to start the same game on the offensive line

41 JIMMY MARCHESE
LB, 6-2, 220, SO.

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43 CHASE McLoughlin
PK, 6-1, 180. JR.
CYPRESS, TEXAS / CYPRESS WOODS

2017 Junior:
» Starting kicker

CAREER HIGHS
FG Made: 3, three times (last at Iowa, 10/7/17)
FG Attempts: 4 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Pat Made: 7 vs. Murray State, 9/2/16
Pat Attempts: 7 vs. Murray State, 9/2/16
Points: 11 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Long Field Goal: 53 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16
Kickoffs: 7 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Kickoff Yards: 453 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Kickoff Average: 60.0, twice (last at Iowa, 10/27)
Touchbacks: 5 at Iowa, 10/27
Punts: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/9/17
Punt Returns: 37 vs. Ball State, 9/27

Tackles:

KICKING STATISTICS
YEAR PAT FG 0-29 30-39 40-49 50+ PTS LG
2016 26-26 12-17 3-3 4-4 1-1 13 59 53
2017 14-14 12-16 8-8 2-2 2-2 0-0 23 47 43
TOTAL 40-40 24-33 11-11 6-6 1-1 1-1 82 107 96

KICKOFF STATISTICS
YEAR G NO YARDS AVG TB RT RT YDS YPR
2016 11 34 2102 61.8 15 18 417 23.2
2017 10 37 2358 63.2 26 21 629 21.7
TOTAL 21 71 4460 62.5 41 29 629 21.7

PUNTING STATISTICS
YEAR G NO YARDS LG AVG
2016 11 0 0 0
2017 13 1 37 37.0
TOTAL 24 1 37 37.0

KICKING GAME-BY-GAME
2017 FGM-FGA LG BLKD PAT PTS
BALL ST 1-1 40 1 1 3 1 4
IOWA 2-2 37 0 0 2 2 8
KENT ST 0-0 0 0 0 0 0
NEB 2-2 24 0 0 1 1 6
NW 3-3 29 0 0 1 1 10
RUT 1-1 43 0 0 1 1 6
SVSU 1-2 28 0 0 1 2 5
WIS 1-1 31 0 0 1 3 4
IND 0-0 0 0 0 0 2

2016 FGM-FGA LG BLKD PAT PTS
MUR ST 1-1 48 0 0 1 7 7
UNC 0-0 0 0 0 3 3
WIS 1-1 17 0 0 1 4
MICH ST 3-3 43 0 0 1 10
PUR 3-3 47 0 0 2 11
RUT 1-1 37 0 0 3 3
SVSU 0-0 0 0 0 0
WIS 1-1 53 0 0 2 5
WIS 1-1 42 0 0 4 4
KHWS 1-1 31 0 0 0 3
KHWS 0-0 0 0 0 0

2017 KICKOFFS GAME-BY-GAME
2017 KO YDS AVG TB RT RT YDS YPR
BALL ST 5 320 64.0 4 1 15 15.0
IOWA 3 305 61.0 2 3 57 15.0
KENT ST 3 314 65.0 1 1 28 15.0
NEB 3 180 60.0 2 1 20 20.0
NW 3 255 65.0 0 0 0 0
KENT ST 4 244 61.0 0 0 0 0
WIS 3 193 64.3 2 1 26 26.0
KHWS 3 229 64.5 1 1 29 29.0
KHWS 4 315 65.0 2 1 22 22.0
IND 1 155 65.0 0 0 0 0

2016 KICKOFFS GAME-BY-GAME
2016 KO YDS AVG TB RT RT YDS YPR
MUR ST 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
UNC 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
WIS 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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WIS 3 255 65.0 1 1 28 28.0
KHWS 3 180 60.0 2 1 20 20.0
KHWS 3 229 64.5 1 1 29 29.0
IND 1 155 65.0 0 0 0 0

72 GABE MEGGINSON
OL, 6-5, 305. SO.
JACKSONVILLE, ILL. / JACKSONVILLE

2017 Sophomore:
» Two starts at guard, one start at tackle, one start as an extra offensive lineman

55 JAMAL MILAN
DL, 6-3, 300. SO.
CHICAGO, ILL. / ALL RABY

Pronunciation: muh-LAN

2017 Sophomore:
» Starting defensive tackle
» Blocked a field goal attempt in the final seconds to seal a 24-21 win over Ball State in the season opener

CAREER HIGHS
Sacks: 1 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16
Sacks: 1, twice (last at Purdue, 11/4/17)
TFLs: 2.5 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16
TFLs: 2 vs. Michigan State, 11/16
Fumbles Forced: 2 at Rutgers, 10/15
Fumbles Recovered: 1, three times (last vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17)
Interceptions: 0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
2015 26-26 12-17 3-3 4-5 1-3 59 53
2016 10 11 16 27 3.5 6 0 2 1 0 2
2017 10 12 23 3.5 4 1 0 0 0 0 0

SACKS STATISTICS
2015 1 0 0 0 0 0
2016 10 11 16 27 3.5 6 0 2 1 0 2
2017 10 10 20 3.5 5 1 0 0 0 0 0

CAREER HIGHS
» Starting defensive tackle
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

2013 Junior:
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

6 CAM MILLER
QB, 6-1, 215, R-FA.
EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. / BROTHER RICE

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

58 SEAN MONDSEID
LS, 6-3, 215, R-FA.
METUCHEN, N.J./ ST. JOSEPH

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
» Starting long snapper for punts
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

54 MARC MONDESIR
LB, 6-2, 200, FR.
CHICAGO, ILL. / ST. RITA

Pronunciation: mon-duh-SEER

2017 Freshman:
» Plays special teams
» Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

2017 Sophomore:
» Starting safety

21 PATRICK NELSON
DB, 6-2, 210, SO.
CHICAGO, ILL. / HALEES FRANCISCAN

2017 Sophomore:
» Starting safety

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 36 at Nebraska, 10/16
Solo Tackles: 10 at Rutgers, 10/15
TFLs: 1.5 at Rutgers, 10/15

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94 TITO ODENIGBO
DL, 6-3, 300, JR.
CENTREVILLE, OHIO / CENTREVILLE

Pronunciation: oh-DEN-uh-bo

2017 Junior:  
- Rotates in at defensive tackle

CAREER HIGHs
Tackles: 6 at Minnesota, 10/21/17
Solo: 3 at Minnesota, 10/21/17
Sacks: 1.0, twice (last at Minnesota, 10/21/17)
QB Hurries: - -
Defensive Statistics
YEAR G UA A TOT YDS FF BLK QRBH
2016 12 14 75 2.5 0 0 0 0
2017 8 24 28 4 2 2 2 0
TOTAL 20 58 129 4.0 9 2 2 0

SACKS STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOT YDS
2016 8 1 0 1
2017 8 0 0 0
TOTAL 16 0 0 1

2017 Freshman:  
- Has not played in a game

96 TYMIR OLIVER
DL, 6-3, 285, So.
SHARON HILL, PA. / WEST PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC

2017 Sophomore:  
- Starting defensive tackle

CAREER HIGHs
Sacks: 1.0, three times (last at Wisconsin, 10/6/17)
QB Hurries: - -
Tackles: 2.0 vs. Wisconsin, 10/28/17
DOUBLE STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOT YDS FF BLK QRBH
2016 9 0 2 1.0 5
2017 9 0 2 1.0 5
TOTAL 18 0 2 1.0 5

2017 Freshman:  
- Missed the season opener with an injury

90 LERE OLADIPPO
DL, 6-3, 285, FR.
HUNTINGTON, IL. / HUNTINGTON

Pronunciation: luh-RAY

2017 Freshman:  
- Has not played in a game
13 Caleb Reams
TE, 6-2, 250, So.
Gurnee, Ill. / Warren Township

2017 Sophomore:
» Plays at tight end and wide receiver

Career Highs:
Rushing Yards: -
Long Run: -
Rush Touchdowns: -
Receptions: 2, twice (last vs. Indiana, 11/11/17)
Receiving Yards: -
Receptions:

36 Austin Roberts
RB, 6-2, 245, Jr.
Rice Lake, Wis. / Rice Lake

2017: Junior:
» Illinois’ main fullback

Career Highs:
Rushing Yards: 3 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Long Run: 3 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Run Touchdowns: -
Receptions: 1, twice (last vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16)
Receiving Yards: 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Long Reception: 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Rec. Touchdowns: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Rec. Yards: -

38 Brandon Roberts
RB, 6-3, 250, Sr.
Peoria, Ill. / Richwoods

» Earned a bachelor’s degree in communication in May 2017

2017 Senior:
» Has not played in a game

Career Highs:
Rushing Yards: 2 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
Long Run: -
Touchdowns:

97 Bobby Roundtree
DL, 6-5, 245, Fr.
Largo, Fla. / Largo

2017 Freshman:
» First Illini true freshman defensive end to start the season opener since Jerry Cole in 1980 vs. Northwestern

» Career-high 2.0 sacks against Western Kentucky
4 RICKY SMALLING
WR, 6-1, 205, FR.
CHICAGO, ILL. / BROTHER RICE

2017 Freshman:
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
» 76-yard reception at South Florida was the longest in Illinois history by a true freshman

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: -
Rushing Yards: -
Long Run: -
Touchdowns: -
Receptions: 0 at Minnesota, 10/21/17
Receiving Yards: 11 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17
Long Reception: 76 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Rec. Touchdowns: 1 (last at Minnesota, 10/21/17)
All-Purpose Yards: 111 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR | G | REC | YDS | TDL | REC/G | YDS/C | YDS/G
-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------
2017 | 10 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
TOTAL | 10 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017 | CAR | YDS | TD | REC | YDS | TDL | REC/G | YDS/C | YDS/G
-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------
BALL ST | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
WKU | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
@USF | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
@PUR | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
@IND | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
@OSU | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
@MIN | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
@NW | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
@IOWA | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     
IND | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     

52 ADAM SOLOMON
OL, 6-6, 310, SO.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. / BISHOP CHATARD

2017 Sophomore:
» Plays on special teams
» First career start at tackle in the opener against Ball State

68 JAKE STOVER
OL, 6-3, 295, FR.
CHICAGO, ILL. / ST. RITA

2017 Freshman:
» Has not played in a game

17 KENDALL SMITH
WR, 6-1, 185, FR.
BOLINGBROOK, ILL. / BOLINGBROOK

2017 Freshman:
» Plays on special teams
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Touchdowns: -
» Rotates in at defensive back

2017 Sophomore:
» Rotates in at defensive back

23 FRANK SUMPTER
DB, 5-10, 185, SO.
CLEVELAND, OHIO / GLENVILLE

2017 Sophomore:
» Made his Illinois debut against Minnesota

8 DOMINIC THIEMAN
WR, 6-3, 190, SD.
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Pronunciation: THEE-man

2017 Sophomore:
» First career start in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Pass Attempts: 11 vs. Wisconsin, 10/28/17
Completions: 2 (last vs. Wisconsin, 10/28/17)
Passing Yards: 44 vs. Wisconsin, 10/28/17
Passing Touchdowns: -
Long Pass: 29 vs. Wisconsin, 10/28/17
Carries: 10, twice (last vs. Wisconsin, 10/28/17)
Rushing Yards: 79 at Minnesota, 10/21/17
All-Purpose Yards: 79 at Minnesota, 10/21/17

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR | G | ATT | CMP | INT | YDS | TD | LG | PCT | AVG | AVG/G | EFFIC
-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------
2017 | 3  | 35  | 14  | 236 | 42  | 40.0 | 6.7 | 78.7 | 79.5 | TOTAL | TOTAL

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG/C | AVG/G
-----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------
2017 | 3  | 34  | 187 | 5.5   | 62.3  

56 ETHAN TABEL
LS, 6-0, 220, R-FL.
BARRINGTON, ILL. / BARRINGTON

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
» Starting long snapper for field goals
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
74 ANDREW TRAINER
OL, 6-7, 280, R-RED
ALEXANDRIA, VA. / ST. STEPHENS AND ST. AGNES SCHOOL

2017 Sophomore:
• Has not played in a game

11 MALIK TURNER
WR, 6-3, 200, SR.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL. / SACRED HEART-GRiffin

Pronunciation: ma-LEEK

2017 Senior:
• Starting wide receiver
• Campbell Trophy semifinalist
• At least one catch in 28 straight games entering the Purdue game
• Ranks ninth on Illinois career receiving yardage list (1,600)

CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 11, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/29/16)
Receiving Yards: 164 at Northwestern, 11/26/16
All-Purpose Yards: 7 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17

Receiving Touchdowns:
• 2, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/26/16)

Rushing Touchdowns:
• -

Rushing Yards:
• 1, twice (last at Michigan, 10/23/16)

Reception Yards:
• 68 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16

83 BOBBY WALKER
TE, 6-4, 230, SO.
GOLF, ILL. / LOYOLA ACADEMY

2017 Sophomore:
• Plays mostly on special teams
• First career catch against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Receiving Yards: 7 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
All-Purpose Yards: 7 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17

Interception Return Yards:
• 6 vs. Ball State, 9/2/16

33 TRÉ WATSON
LB, 6-2, 235, JR.
Tampa, Fla. / Tampa Catholic

2017 Junior:
• Starting linebacker
• Ninth on team and seventh in Big Ten in tackles (7.8 tpg)
• Ejected in the first half against Western Kentucky for targeting

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 16 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Solos: 6 at South Florida, 9/15/17
TFLs: 1.5, twice (last vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16)
Sacks: 1.0 at Penn State, 10/31/15
QB Hurries: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)
Fumbles Forced: 1, three times (last vs. Iowa, 11/19/16)
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: 1, three times (last at Iowa, 11/19/16)
Interception: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/3/17
Interception Return Yards: 21 vs. Ball State, 9/3/16

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR & UA  DT  TFL  YDS  TD  AVG/R  AVG/G
2016 10 1 0 0 0 0 0

2017 10 1 0 0 0 0 0

2018 10 1 0 0 0 0 0

31 CAMERON WATKINS
DB, 6-0, 190, SO.
Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn

2017 Sophomore:
• Starting cornerback
• First career interception at Minnesota

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 8 vs. Ball State, 9/9/17
Solos: 5 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
TFLs: 1.0, twice (last at Minnesota, 10/21/17)
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/9/17
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: 1, three times (last vs. Iowa, 11/19/16)
Interception: 1 at Minnesota, 10/21/17
Interception Return Yards: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR & UA  DT  TFL  YDS  TD  AVG/R  AVG/G
2016 9 0 0 0 0 0 0

2017 10 1 0 0 0 0 0

2018 10 1 0 0 0 0 0

2019 10 1 0 0 0 0 0

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TOTAL 32 68 101 169 8.0 26 4 3 1 0 4

SACKS STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOTAL YDS
2015 22 1 0 10 7
2016 12 0 0 0 0
2017 7 0 1 0.5 5
TOTAL 32 1 1 15 12

INTERCEPTION STATISTICS
YEAR G INT YDS TD LG AVG/R AVG/G
2015 12 0 0 0 0 0 0
2016 12 0 0 0 0 0 0
2017 7 1 21 0 21.0 0.7
TOTAL 32 1 21 0 21.0 0.7

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME
BALL ST 4 6 12 0.0-0 0.0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0
WBU 2 2 4 0.5-1 0.0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0 1 0-0
@MIN 0 0 0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0
@OSU 1 0 1 0.0-0 0.0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0
IND 3 3 6 0.0-0 0.0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0 1 0-0

2016 UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF Yrs INT-Yds QBH PBU
MUR ST 2 3 3 0.0-0 0.0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0 0 0-0
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4 BENNETT WILLIAMS
DB, 6-0, 200, FR.
CAMPBELL, CALIF. / ST. FRANCIS

2017 Freshman:
» First Illini true freshman safety to start the season opener since at least 1980
» First career interception at Iowa
» Ejected for targeting in the first quarter against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 14 at Minnesota, 10/21/17
Sacks: 3 vs. Minnesota, 10/21/17
Fumbles Forced: 1 at Minnesota, 10/21/17
Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17

Interception Return Yards:
» Plays mostly on special teams

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
YEAR G UA A TOT TFL YDS PBU FF Yrs INT-Yds QBH
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49 JAMAL WOODS
DL, 6-3, 265, FR.
HUEYTOWN, ALA. / HUEYTOWN

2017 Freshman:
» Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky
» First career start against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 6 vs. Iowa, 11/11/17
Sacks: 1 vs. Iowa, 11/11/17
Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. Nebraska, 11/11/17
Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Minnesota, 11/11/17

Interception Return Yards:
» Plays mostly on special teams

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32 JUSTICE WILLIAMS
LB, 6-3, 220, SO.
FRISCO, TEXAS / WAKELAND

2017 Sophomore:
» Plays mostly on special teams

CAREER HIGHS
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Interception Return Yards:
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91 Jamal Woods
DL, 6-2, 265, FR.
Hueytown, Ala. / Hueytown
# Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 11, 2017)

All games

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